

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

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Reg. No.: 15-001438  
Issue No.: 6001  
Case No.: ██████████  
Hearing Date: March 16, 2015  
County: WAYNE-DISTRICT 76  
(GRATIOT/SEVEN M)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lynn M. Ferris**

**HEARING DECISION**

Following Claimant's request for a hearing, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and 400.37; 7 CFR 273.15 to 273.18; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10. After due notice, telephone hearing was held on March 16, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████ Assistance Payments Supervisor, and ██████████ Eligibility Specialist.

**ISSUE**

Due to excess income, did the Department properly deny the Claimant's application for Child Development and Care (CDC)?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. Claimant applied for CDC benefits on January 13, 2015.
2. On January 15, 2015, the Department denied Claimant's application due to excess income.
3. On January 15, 2015, the Department sent Claimant/Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR) its decision.
4. On January 22, 2015, Claimant/Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR) filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's actions.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Department policies are contained in the Department of Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and Department of Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The Child Development and Care (CDC) program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 601-619, 670-679c, and 1397-1397m-5; the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, PL 101-508, 42 USC 9858 to 9858q; and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, PL 104-193. The program is implemented by 45 CFR 98.1-99.33. The Department administers the program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and Mich Admin Code, R 400.5001-.5020.

Additionally, the issue in this case is whether the Department correctly denied the Claimant's CDC application due to her income exceeding the income CDC limit for a group of 2 which is \$1607. RFT 207 (August 1, 2014) p. 1. In this case the Department presented the Claimant's income it used to determine the monthly income.

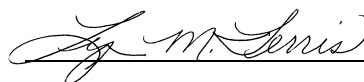
Department policy requires that the Department use the gross (before deductions) countable, monthly income to determine the amount the Department will pay (department pay percent) towards the group's child care costs. BEM 525 (July 1, 2014) p. 1.

The Department used four weeks of gross pay and eliminated income which was high and out of the ordinary. The Claimant did not dispute the income received. Based upon the Department's calculation, the gross income as calculated by the Department in the amount of \$2347 based on the work number reporting was correct and exceeded the eligibility limit for CDC eligibility. If the Claimant's income becomes less than the income limit of \$1607 the Claimant may reapply.

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it denied the Claimant's application for CDC due to excess income.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.



**Lynn M. Ferris**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Nick Lyon, Interim Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **4/13/2015**  
Date Mailed: **4/13/2015**

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL:** A party may appeal this Hearing Decision in the circuit court in the county in which he/she resides, or the circuit court in Ingham County, within 30 days of the receipt date.

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Hearing Decision from the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) within 30 days of the mailing date of this Hearing Decision, or MAHS **MAY** order a rehearing or reconsideration on its own motion.

MAHS **MAY** grant a party's Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration when one of the following exists:

- Newly discovered evidence that existed at the time of the original hearing that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision;
- Misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision which led to a wrong conclusion;
- Typographical, mathematical or other obvious error in the hearing decision that affects the rights of the client;
- Failure of the ALJ to address in the hearing decision relevant issues raised in the hearing request.

The party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration must specify all reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration. A request must be *received* in MAHS within 30 days of the date this Hearing Decision is mailed.

A written request may be faxed or mailed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088 and be labeled as follows:

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If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

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