

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 15-001948  
Issue No.: 1007  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: March 18, 2015  
County: WAYNE-DISTRICT 17

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke**

**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, a three-way telephone hearing was held on March 18, 2015, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Hearings Facilitator, and [REDACTED], Hearings Facilitator.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly calculate Claimant's Family Independence Program (FIP) benefits overissuance?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. On [REDACTED], the Department issued to Claimant a Notice of Overissuance
2. Claimant requested a hearing, protesting the amount of overissuance.
3. The Department did not present for examination pay stubs or any other proof of Claimant's actual income.

**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), Department of Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

The Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-193, and 42 USC 601 to 679c. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FIP pursuant to 45 CFR 233-260, MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3101 to .3131.

In the present case, On [REDACTED], the Department issued to Claimant a Notice of Overissuance. During the hearing, the Department did not present for examination pay stubs or any other proof of Claimant's actual income. Without such proof of actual income, it cannot be concluded that the Department was correct in its calculation of overissuance.

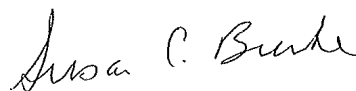
The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it calculated Claimant's FIP benefits overissuance.

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Re-calculate Claimant's FIP benefits overissuance, if any.
2. Re-issue a Notice of Overissuance if it is determined that an overissuance occurred.



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**Susan C. Burke**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Nick Lyon, Interim Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **3/25/2015**  
Date Mailed: **3/25/2015**

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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.

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