

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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MAHS Reg. No.: 15-021280
Issue No.: 1010
Agency Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: January 21, 2016
County: WAYNE-DISTRICT 17

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Robert J. Chavez

HEARING DECISION

Following Petitioner'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; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on January 21, 2016, from Detroit, Michigan. The Petitioner appeared on their own behalf. The Department was represented by [REDACTED], Hearings Facilitator.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Petitioner's case for Family Independence Program (FIP) benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Petitioner was a FIP recipient.
2. On October 27, 2015, Petitioner's FIP benefit case was closed.
3. Petitioner has exceeded the federal time limit maximum to receive FIP benefits.
4. On November 2, 2015, Petitioner requested a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Health and 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 Department of Human Services) 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-.3131.

In this case, Petitioner did not argue that the months used to determine whether or not Petitioner had exceeded the federal time limit with regard to FIP benefits were incorrectly calculated.

Therefore, the only issue before us is whether the Department properly denied Petitioner's application for exceeding the federal time limit maximum.

Per BEM 234, an application is to be denied or a case closed if a DHHS client has received FIP benefits for a total of 60 months or more. Petitioner received FIP benefits for 117 months. Department Exhibit 3.

Therefore, the Department correctly closed Petitioner's FIP case.

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 acted in accordance with Department policy when it closed Petitioner's FIP case.

DECISION AND ORDER

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



Robert J. Chavez
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

Date Signed: **2/2/2016**

Date Mailed: **2/2/2016**

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