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

IN THE MATTER OF:



MAHS Reg. No.: 15-023445 Issue No.: 3002, 6002

Agency Case No.:

Hearing Date: January 28, 2016 County: OAKLAND 4

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary Heisler

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 28, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. The Claimant was represented by herself. The Department was represented by Eligibility Specialist

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's Child Development and Care (CDC) application and determine her Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility on December 10, 2015?

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 was an ongoing recipient of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.
- 2. On October 29, 2015, Claimant submitted an application for Child Development and Care (CDC) benefits.
- 3. On December 10, 2015, the Department obtained Claimant's actual earned income through the employer's online records. Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) financial eligibility budget was updated and her Child Development and Care (CDC) eligibility was calculated. Claimant was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated she was denied Child Development and Care (CDC) due to excess income and that her Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits were being decreased to \$ per month.

4. On December 15, 2015, Claimant submitted a hearing request.

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 Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp program] is established by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, 7 USC 2011 to 2036a and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR 273. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001-.3011.

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.

During this hearing Claimant's income and expenses, at the time of the Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Child Development and Care (CDC) eligibility determinations, were verified. Both the Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Child Development and Care (CDC) financial eligibility budgets were reviewed and the Department properly computed the Claimant's income and expenses.

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 denied Claimant's Child Development and Care (CDC) application and determined her Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility on December 10, 2015.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

Gary Heisler

Administrative Law Judge for Nick Lyon, Director

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Department of Health and Human Services

Date Mailed: 2/1/2016

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- 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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