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Date Mailed: April 13, 2016
MAHS Docket No.: 16-002402
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jacquelyn A. McClinton

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 April 7, 2016, from Detroit, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by Petitioner. [REDACTED] served as Interpreter during the hearing. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED], Hearing Facilitator.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Petitioner's FAP benefits because the group exceeded the gross income limit?

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 FAP recipient.
2. On [REDACTED], Petitioner submitted a Redetermination.
3. The Department received information from the Social Security Administration which indicated that four members the group received unearned income.
4. At the time of the Redetermination, Petitioner had an adult son residing in the home who worked and attended school.

5. On [REDACTED], the Department sent Petitioner a Notice of Case Action notifying Petitioner that the group's FAP benefits would close effective [REDACTED].
6. On [REDACTED], Petitioner filed a Request for Hearing disputing the Department's actions.

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.

Additionally, all countable earned and unearned income available to the client must be considered in determining the Claimant's eligibility for program benefits. BEM 500 (January 2014), pp. 1 – 4. Petitioner has a group size of six. Under Department policy, the income limit for a group size of six is \$2,715.00.

Petitioner's husband receives \$1,193.00 in RSDI income. Petitioner and her two minor children also receive \$198.00 each in unearned income based upon her husband's disability. Petitioner has one adult son who is employed and attending school. Petitioner's son earned \$916.80, which was paid on February; and \$967.96, which was paid on [REDACTED]. Accordingly, the household income exceeded the FAP group income limit. On [REDACTED], the Department sent Petitioner a Notice of Case Action that FAP benefits would close effective [REDACTED] due to excessive income.

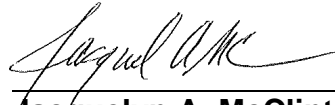
Petitioner testified that since the Department closed the group's FAP benefits, her adult son has moved out of the home. The Department informed Petitioner that she can reapply for benefits.

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 FAP benefits because the household income exceeded the allowable limit.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

JM/hw



Jacquelyn A. McClinton
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

NOTICE OF APPEAL: A party may appeal this Order in circuit court within 30 days of the receipt date. A copy of the circuit court appeal must be filed with the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Order if the request is received by MAHS within 30 days of the date the Order was issued. The party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration must provide the specific reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration.

A written request may be mailed or faxed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088; Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

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

Michigan Administrative Hearings
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Petitioner

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