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Date Mailed: May 6, 2016
MAHS Docket No.: 16-004296
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

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 May 4, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department was represented by Assistance Payments Worker [REDACTED] and Assistance Payments Supervisor [REDACTED]. Testimony was received from all participants. Department's Exhibit A, pages 1-22 was admitted into evidence.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) on April 1, 2016 due to excess income?

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 an ongoing recipient of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits under the Simplified Reporting category. Petitioner's benefit group included herself and her two daughters [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
2. On February 1, 2016, Petitioner was sent a Semi-Annual Contact Report (DHS-1046). The information and verifications were due back to the Department by March 1, 2016.
3. On February 22, 2016, the Department received pay check stubs for [REDACTED] employment.

4. On March 19, 2016, the Department updated Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) financial eligibility budget by including [REDACTED] earned income. Petitioner was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated her Food Assistance Program (FAP) would close on April 1, 2016 due to excess income.
5. On March 28, 2016, Petitioner 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.

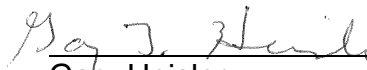
During this hearing Petitioner testified that she called ES [REDACTED] and reported that [REDACTED] was moving out. ES [REDACTED] testified that the only call she got from Petitioner was after the March 28, 2016 hearing request had been submitted. It is noted that the address on [REDACTED] pay check stubs is Petitioner's address. On March 18, 2016, when the Department's eligibility determination at issue was made adding [REDACTED] earned income to the Food Assistance Program (FAP) financial eligibility budget was correct in accordance with policy.

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 Food Assistance Program (FAP) on April 1, 2016 due to excess income.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

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Gary Heisler
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:

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