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Date Mailed: October 31, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 16-013587  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane**

### **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 [REDACTED], from Detroit, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by Petitioner. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED], Hearings Facilitator.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close the Petitioner's Child Development and Care (CDC) 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. On [REDACTED], the Department sent the Petitioner a Notice of Case Action, informing the Petitioner that her CDC benefits had been terminated effective [REDACTED].
2. On [REDACTED], the Petitioner requested a hearing to protest the closure of her CDC benefits.

### **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 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.

In this case, the Petitioner's spouse left the country to care for relatives. The Petitioner and her husband were both employed and received CDC benefits.

When the Petitioner's spouse left the country, the Petitioner, still employed, wished to continue to receive CDC benefits allowing her to continue to work.

The Department closed the Petitioner's CDC benefits relying on Department policy, BEM 205, which in part states:

**Temporary absence:** A person's absence is temporary if:

- The person's location is known.
- The person plans to return.
- The person lived with the group before the absence....

A temporarily absent person is considered to be living in the home. (BEM 205, July 2016).

The Department terminated the Petitioner's CDC because based on Department policy even though Petitioner's husband left the house/country for a period of time, he was still considered to be living in the home.


The undersigned ALJ finds that the Department correctly closed the Petitioner's CDC benefits because the Petitioner's spouse is still considered to be living in the home per Department policy.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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 the Petitioner's CDC benefits.

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

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**Michael J. Bennane**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Nick Lyon, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services

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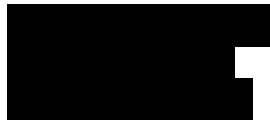
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A written request may be mailed or faxed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088; Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

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