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Date Mailed: November 18, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 16-015088  
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 [REDACTED]. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny the Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) application?

**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 Petitioner applied for FAP benefits.
2. On [REDACTED], the Department sent the Petitioner a Verification Checklist (VCL) requesting various pieces of information/document with a due date of [REDACTED].
3. On [REDACTED], the Petitioner provided the Department some of the requested documentation as listed on the VCL.
4. On [REDACTED], the Department sent the Petitioner a Notice of Case Action informing the Petitioner that her FAP application had been denied for failure to provide requested verifications.

5. On [REDACTED], the Petitioner requested a hearing to protest the denial of her FAP application.

### 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.

In this case, the Department requesting various pieces of information/documentation from the Petitioner. The Department received some of the requested documentation but not all, and not enough to properly calculate the Petitioner's FAP benefits.

Department policy, BAM 130, is clear that it is the Petitioner's responsibility to provide the requested documentation. (BAM 130, July 2016).


The Department did not receive the required verification in a timely manner to allow it to properly calculate the Petitioner's FAP benefits.

### 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 denied the Petitioner's FAP application.

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

**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).

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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.

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

Michigan Administrative Hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
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