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Date Mailed: December 2, 2016
MAHS Docket No.: 16-016531

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Vicki Armstrong

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 - 273.18; 42 CFR 431.200 - 431.250; 45 CFR 99.1 - 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on December 1, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner personally appeared and testified.

The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Assistance Payment Supervisor [REDACTED] [REDACTED] testified on behalf of the Department. The Department submitted [REDACTED] exhibits which were admitted into evidence. The record was closed at the completion of the hearing.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly reduce Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) 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. Petitioner submitted his pay stubs to the Department on October 24, 2016. [Dept. Exh. 3-8].
2. Based on the pay stubs, the Department determined that Petitioner was eligible for [REDACTED] in FAP benefits per month. [Dept. Exh. 10].
3. On November 1, 2016, Petitioner submitted a Request for Hearing contesting the Department's actions. [Dept. Exh. 2].

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, Assistance Payment Supervisor [REDACTED] credibly testified that during his review of the case file prior to going on the record, he found an error in the calculation of Petitioner's FAP budget and agreed to correct it.

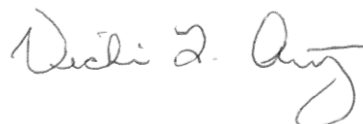
DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department did not act in accordance with Department policy when it determined that Petitioner's FAP benefit was [REDACTED]

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

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Redetermine Petitioner's FAP benefit amount based upon the discovered error.
2. Issue an updated Notice of Case Action to Petitioner indicating the new amount of his FAP benefits after the redetermination.



Vicki Armstrong
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

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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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P.O. Box 30639
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