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Date Mailed: June 10, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 16-005730  
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 June 1, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner appeared and testified. Hearing Facilitator [REDACTED] appeared for the Department and testified. Department's Exhibit A, pages 1 – 29 was admitted into evidence.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's February 29, 2016, Food Assistance Program (FAP) application on March 18, 2016?

### **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 February 29, 2016, Petitioner submitted an application for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits. Petitioner's benefit group consisted of herself and her daughter [REDACTED]. Both members of the benefit group, separately receive Social Security Administration benefits.
2. On March 3, 2016, Petitioner was sent a Verification Checklist (DHS-3503) requesting verification of Petitioner's: vendor pre-paid debit card; home rent; and checking account.
3. On March 17, Petitioner submitted verification of [REDACTED] vendor pre-paid debit card, closure of Petitioner's checking account and home rent.

4. On March 18, 2016, Petitioner was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated Petitioner's February 29, 2016 Food Assistance Program (FAP) application was denied for failure to submit verification of Petitioner's vendor pre-paid debit card.
5. On April 28, 2016, Petitioner submitted a hearing.

### **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).

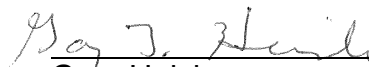
The Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp program] is established by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, 7 USC 2011 to 2036a and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR 273. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001-.3011.

The evidence in this record shows that on March 18, 2016, Petitioner had not submitted the required verification of her vendor pre-paid debit card. 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 Petitioner's February 29, 2016, Food Assistance Program (FAP) application on March 18, 2016.

### **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:

Michigan Administrative Hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
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