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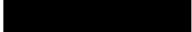
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Date Mailed: June 21, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 16-006729  
Agency No.:   


**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Robert J. Chavez**

**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. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on June 15, 2016, from Detroit, Michigan. Petitioner appeared pro se. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by  Assistance Payments Worker, and , Assistance Payments Worker.

**ISSUE**

1. Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) application?
2. Did the Department properly process Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) application of February 26, 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. Petitioner was a FAP and MA applicant.
2. Petitioner's February 26, 2016 FAP application was denied on March 24, 2016.
3. The Department admitted on the record that the Petitioner's FAP benefits were incorrectly denied and the MA application was not processed.
4. Petitioner requested a hearing on May 9, 2016.

### **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.

After opening the record, the Department admitted error in the current case, and stated affirmatively that steps were required to correct the action taken with regards to Petitioner's benefit case. Therefore, no other findings are necessary.

In the current case, the Department testified that Petitioner's FAP benefit case was incorrectly denied and agreed to reconsider FAP eligibility retroactive to the date of application, February 26, 2016, based upon new information and issue a decision regarding eligibility; the Department also agreed to process the MA application in question, in order to correct the action taken with regard to Petitioner's current benefits case. The Administrative Law Judge, therefore, holds that the Department must take the action stated.

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department did not act in accordance with Department policy when it denied Petitioner's FAP benefit application and failed to process Petitioner's MA assistance application.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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. Reconsider FAP eligibility retroactive to the date of application, February 26, 2016 based upon the new information submitted, and issue a decision regarding that eligibility.
2. Process the MA application of February 26, 2016.

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

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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.

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