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Date Mailed: September 26, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 16-011873  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lynn M. Ferris**

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL  
FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION**

Following Petitioner's request for a hearing, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37, and 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 herself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Family Independence Manager, and [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Partnership.Accountability.Training.HOPE. (PATH) Coordinator.

Regulations governing the hearing and appeal process for applicants and recipients of public assistance in Michigan are found in Mich Admin Code, R 792.10101 to R 792.10137 and R 792.11001 to R 792.11020. Rule 792.11002(1) provides as follows:

An opportunity for a hearing shall be granted to an applicant who requests a hearing because his or her claim for assistance is denied or is not acted upon with reasonable promptness, has received notice of a suspension or reduction in benefits, or exclusion from a service program, or has experienced a failure of the agency to take into account the recipient's choice of service.

A client's request for hearing must be in writing and signed by an adult member of the eligible group, adult child, or authorized hearing representative (AHR). Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) 600 (October 1, 2016), p. 2. Moreover, BAM 600, p. 6, provides that a request for hearing must be received in the Department local office within 90 days of the date of the written notice of case action.

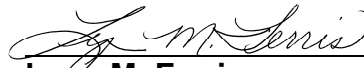
In the present case, the Department sent Petitioner a Notice of Case Action advising Petitioner of its decision to deny Petitioner's application for benefits the Family Independence Program (FIP) cash assistance due to failure to participate in the PATH Program. Exhibit A. The Notice was reviewed at the hearing with the Petitioner, and it was determined that the Notice was sent to the correct address and that the Petitioner received the Notice.

The Department's Notice of Case Action to Petitioner was dated [REDACTED]. Exhibit A. However, Petitioner did not file a request for hearing to contest the Department's action until [REDACTED]. The Petitioner also acknowledged at the hearing that she received the Notice but did not read it in its entirety, and thus, did not file her hearing request timely.

Petitioner's hearing request was not timely filed within 90 days of the Notice of Case Action and is, therefore, **DISMISSED** for lack of jurisdiction.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

LMF/jaf



**Lynn M. Ferris**

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.

**DHHS**

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**Petitioner**

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**Via email**

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