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Date Mailed: November 15, 2016
MAHS Docket No.: 16-011984
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 November 9, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by himself. The Department was represented by Eligibility Specialist [REDACTED] and Assistance Payments Supervisor [REDACTED]. Department's Exhibit A, pages 1-16 was admitted into evidence.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility for the period beginning September 1, 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 an ongoing recipient of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.
2. In July 2016, Petitioner was approved for the State of Michigan to pay his Medicare Part B premium under the Medicare Savings Program. The State would begin paying the premium in September 2016.
3. On July 26, 2016, the Department updated Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) financial eligibility budget for the period beginning September 1, 2016 by removing the \$ [REDACTED] Medicare Part B premium which Petitioner had been paying, from his ongoing medical expenses. Petitioner was sent a Notice of Case Action

(DHHS-1605) which stated his Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits would decrease to \$ [REDACTED] per month beginning September 1, 2016.

4. On August 18, 2016, Petitioner submitted a hearing request.

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.

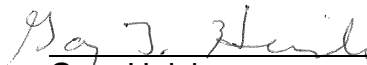
The voluminous testimony provided by Petitioner during this hearing is easily summarized. Petitioner is not happy with the amount of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits he is eligible for and he does not understand the Food Assistance Program (FAP). The Department submitted evidence which shows their action is in accordance with Department policy.

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 determined Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility for the period beginning September 1, 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
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