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Date Mailed: December 19 2016
MAHS Docket No.: 16-017163

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Aaron McClintic

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 December 15, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by himself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED] AP Supervisor. [REDACTED] ES also appeared for the Department. Department Exhibit 1, pp.1-10 was received and admitted.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's 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 was a recipient of FAP benefits.
2. Notice of Case Action was sent to Petitioner on September 10, 2016, informing him that his FAP benefits would be reduced to [REDACTED] per month.
3. On November 7, 2016, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the reduction of FAP benefits.
4. Petitioner has unearned income of [REDACTED] from [REDACTED].
5. Petitioner has rental obligation [REDACTED] and is responsible for heat and utilities.

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 with regard to FAP benefits, Petitioner receives [REDACTED] per month in gross income from his [REDACTED]. Petitioner has rental obligation of [REDACTED] per month and is responsible for heat and utilities. After subtracting the [REDACTED] standard deduction and the excess shelter deduction of [REDACTED], Petitioner has net income of [REDACTED] per month. An individual with [REDACTED] per month net income is entitled [REDACTED] in FAP benefits. RFT 260 This was the amount determined by the Department and it was proper and correct. BEM 556 Petitioner questioned why the notice of case action stated that his rental obligation had been reduced when it had remained the same. The explanation on the notice of case action was incorrect but the benefit amount was correct.

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, if any, finds that the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it determined Petitioner's FAP benefits.

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



Aaron McClintic
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
P.O. Box 30639
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