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DIRECTOR

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Date Mailed: July 20, 2017  
MAHS Docket No.: 17-008262  
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 July 19, 2017, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department was represented by Hearing Facilitator [REDACTED].

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility on June 1, 2017?

### **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 May 22, 2017, Petitioner submitted a Redetermination (DHS-1010) for her Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility.
2. On June 1, 2017, Petitioner participated in the required interview. Petitioner reported that she receives \$ [REDACTED] per month of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits and is a Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefit group of 1. Petitioner also submitted verification that she pays \$ [REDACTED] per month rent, which includes heat and electric.
3. On June 1, 2017, Petitioner was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated she was eligible for \$ [REDACTED] per month of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits beginning July 1, 2017.

4. On June 13, 2017, 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.

During this hearing, Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) financial eligibility budget was reviewed. Her income and allowed expenses were verified. Petitioner does not dispute any of the amounts in her Food Assistance Program (FAP) financial eligibility budget. Petitioner asserts that she is handicapped and needs more assistance than \$█

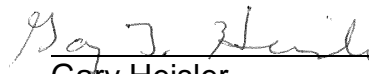
Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) financial eligibility budget properly calculated that she had a net income of \$█ for purposes of Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility. Reference Table (RFT) 260 Food Assistance Issuance Tables (10-1-2016) shows that a benefit group of 1 with a monthly net income of \$█ is eligible for \$█ per month of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.

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 on June 1, 2017.

### **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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