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Date Mailed: April 24, 2018
MAHS Docket No.: 18-003059
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Janice Spodarek

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; 42 CFR 438.400 to 438.424; 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 4/24/18, from [REDACTED] Michigan. The Petitioner represented herself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED] APW.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Petitioner's FAP case due to Petitioner's failure to return requested verifications?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. At all relevant times, Petitioner and her son have been beneficiaries of the FAP program.
2. On or about March 2018 Petitioner's FAP case was scheduled for a yearly redetermination/review.
3. On 3/1/18 the Respondent issued a Verification Checklist requesting Petitioner's son's paystubs for the last 30 days. Petitioner's son is paid every week.
4. Petitioner returned 2 weeks and not 4 weeks.
5. On 4/1/18 Petitioner's FAP case closed due to failure to return requested verifications.

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.

Federal and state law is very specific about what verifications are required in a beneficiary's file prior to the issuance of welfare benefits. The State of Michigan can be subject to substantial financial penalties for failure to contain necessary and required verifications.

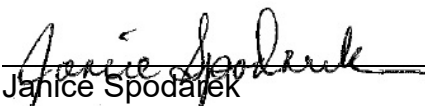
Here, evidence of record shows that the Respondent correctly reviewed Petitioner's FAP case and requested necessary verifications as required by federal law and state policy. Evidence further shows that Petitioner did not submit the requested verifications.

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 closed Petitioner's FAP case.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is closing Petitioner's FAP case effective 4/1/18 at redetermination is hereby **AFFIRMED**.

JS/nr



Janice Spodarek
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

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If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

Michigan Administrative Hearings
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