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Date Mailed: December 21, 2018  
MAHS Docket No.: 18-012113  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Kevin Scully

**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. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on December 20, 2018, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner represented herself. The Department of Health and Human Services was represented by Dawn McCoy.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) properly determine Petitioner's eligibility for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits under the Michigan Combined Application Project?

**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 is an ongoing recipient of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits under the Michigan Combined Application Project (MICAP).
2. On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 2017, the Department received Petitioner's Michigan Combined Application Project (MiCAP) redetermination. Exhibit A, pp 4-5.
3. Petitioner reported to the Department on February 21, 2017, that her monthly rent obligation was \$ [REDACTED] Exhibit A, p 4.
4. On November 21, 2018, the Department notified Petitioner that her monthly allotment of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits would be reduced to \$ [REDACTED] effective January 1, 2019.

5. On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the Department received Petitioner's request for a hearing protesting the reduction of her monthly allotment of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits effective January 1, 2019.

### **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.

If an individual's total shelter expenses are below \$1,000, the FAP monthly benefit under MICAP is \$100. Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 618 (January 1, 2019).

Petitioner is an ongoing recipient of MICAP benefits and her monthly housing expense is less than \$1,000. Therefore, Petitioner is eligible for a \$ [REDACTED] monthly allotment of FAP benefits effective January 1, 2019.

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 eligibility for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.

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**Kevin Scully**  
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) 763-0155; Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

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

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