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Date Mailed: January 11, 2019
MAHS Docket No.: 18-013009
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jeffrey Kemm

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; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on January 9, 2019, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] appeared and represented herself. Eligibility Specialist, Shanna Ward, appeared and represented the Department. Neither party had any additional witnesses.

One exhibit was admitted into evidence during the hearing. A 58-page packet of documents provided by the Department was admitted collectively as the Department's Exhibit A.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's request for Child Development and Care (CDC) assistance?

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 [REDACTED], 2018, Petitioner applied for CDC assistance from the Department.
2. On [REDACTED], 2018, the Department mailed a Verification Checklist to Petitioner to obtain information from Petitioner to determine her eligibility. The Verification Checklist instructed Petitioner to provide specific information to the Department by [REDACTED], 2018.
3. Petitioner did not receive the Department's Verification Checklist before the due date of [REDACTED], 2018, because Petitioner lost the key to her mailbox.

4. Petitioner called her caseworker when she discovered the Verification Checklist after the due date. Petitioner then provided some information to the Department.
5. On [REDACTED], 2018, the Department issued a Notice of Case Action which notified Petitioner that her request for CDC assistance was denied because she failed to provide requested verifications.
6. On [REDACTED] 2018, Petitioner requested a hearing to dispute the Department's decision because Petitioner received a bill for child care that she could not afford.

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 Child Development and Care (CDC) program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 601-619, 670-679c, and 1397-1397m-5; the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, PL 101-508, 42 USC 9858 to 9858q; and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, PL 104-193. The program is implemented by 45 CFR 98.1-99.33. The Department administers the program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and Mich Admin Code, R 400.5001-.5020.

The Department denied Petitioner's request for CDC assistance because she failed to provide requested verification. The Department must tell a client what verification is required, how to obtain it, and the due date. BAM 130 (April 1, 2017), p. 3. The Department must allow the client 10 calendar days to provide requested verification. BAM 130, p. 7. Verifications are only considered timely if they are received by the due date. BAM 130, p. 7. The Department must send a Negative Action Notice when the client indicates a refusal to provide a verification or the due date has lapsed, and the client has not made a reasonable effort to provide a verification. BAM 130, p. 7.

The Department sent Petitioner a Verification Checklist which instructed Petitioner what verification was required, how to obtain it, and the due date. It was Petitioner's responsibility to obtain the requested verification and to make sure the Department received it by the due date. Petitioner failed to provide the requested verification by the due date, so the Department properly issued a Notice of Case Action which denied Petitioner's request for CDC assistance due to her failure to provide the requested verification.

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 did act in accordance with its policies and the applicable law when it denied Petitioner's request for CDC assistance on [REDACTED] 2018.

IT IS ORDERED the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.

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Jeffrey Kemm
Administrative Law Judge
for Robert Gordon, 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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