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Date Mailed: December 3, 2018
MAHS Docket No.: 18-011024
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 November 28, 2018, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner represented herself. The Department of Health and Human Services was represented by Christina Williams.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) properly deny Petitioner's Child Development and Care (CDC) application?

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 an ongoing Food Assistance Program (FAP) recipient when on August 3, 2018, the Department received her application for Child Development and Care (CDC) benefits. Exhibit 6.
2. On August 7, 2018, the Department sent Petitioner a Verification Checklist (DHS-3503) requesting verification of household income by August 17, 2018. Exhibit 2.
3. The Department received copies of two paycheck stubs from [REDACTED] showing earned income in the gross monthly amounts of \$937.50 on July 13, 2018, and July 27, 2018. Exhibit 3.
4. The Department received verification of adoption assistance payments dated July of 2017.

5. On August 24, 2018, the Department notified Petitioner that she had been denied Child Development and Care (CDC) benefits effective July 22, 2018, and that Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits would close effective October 1, 2018. Exhibit 4.
6. On October 22, 2018, the Department received Petitioner's request for a hearing protesting the denial of her Child Development and Care (CDC) application.

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.

Clients must cooperate with the local office in determining initial and ongoing eligibility and this includes the completion of necessary forms. Department of Human Services Bridges Assistance Manual (BAM) 105 (January 1, 2018), p 8.

Verification means documentation or other evidence to establish the accuracy of the client's verbal or written statements. Verification is usually required at application/redetermination and for a reported change affecting eligibility or benefit level when it is required by policy, required as a local office option, or information regarding an eligibility factor is unclear, inconsistent, incomplete, or contradictory. The Department uses documents, collateral contacts, or home calls to verify information. A collateral contact is a direct contact with a person, organization, or agency to verify information from the client. When documentation is not available, or clarification is needed, collateral contact may be necessary. Department of Human Services Bridges Assistance Manual (BAM) 130 (April 1, 2017), pp 1-10.


Petitioner was an ongoing FAP recipient when she applied for CDC benefits. The Department requested that she provide verification of all household income by August 17, 2018. Petitioner provided documentation of adoption assistance payments dated July of 2017. On August 24, 2018, the Department closed Petitioner's FAP benefits for failure to provide a recent check sub showing verification of guardianship assistance program income. The Department also determined that Petitioner is not eligible for CDC benefits based on the most recent earned income she verified.

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 denied Child Development and Care (CDC) and Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.

KS/hb



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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