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Date Mailed: October 5, 2023 MOAHR Docket No.: 23-005144

Agency No.: Petitioner:

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Kevin Scully

ORDER OF DISMISSAL FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION

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 October 4, 2023, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by himself. The Department was represented by Juanita Munoz.

Clients have the right to contest a department decision affecting eligibility or benefit levels whenever it is believed that the decision is incorrect. The Department will provide an administrative hearing to review the decision and determine the appropriateness. The Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) may grant a hearing for any of the following:

- Denial of an application and/or supplemental payments.
- Reduction in the amount of program benefits or service.
- Suspension or termination of program benefits or service.
- Restrictions under which benefits, or services are provided.
- Delay of any action beyond standards of promptness.
- For FAP only, the current level of benefits or denial of expedited service.

Department of Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) 600 (March 1, 2021), p 5.

On August 2023, the Department received Petitioner's application for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits after withdrawing a previous application for assistance. No evidence was presented on the record that there had been any negative

action taken by the Department as of August 2023, when Petitioner filed his hearing request. Petitioner has failed to establish an action taken by the Department entitling him to an administrative hearing.

Petitioner argued that the caseworker assigned to his case hung up on him and lied about a telephone interview him.

A complaint as to alleged misconduct or mistreatment by a state employee shall not be considered through the administrative hearing process but shall be referred to the department personnel director. Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002.

Petitioner's hearing request is therefore **DISMISSED** for lack of jurisdiction.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

KS/dm

Administrative Law Judge for Elizabeth Hertel, 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 Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Order if the request is received by MOAHR 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. MOAHR will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration.

A written request may be mailed or faxed to MOAHR. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 763-0155; Attention: MOAHR Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

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

Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules Reconsideration/Rehearing Request P.O. Box 30639 Lansing, Michigan 48909-8139 <u>Via-Electronic Mail :</u> DHHS

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