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Date Mailed: December 18, 2023
MOAHR Docket No.: 23-007883
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 14, 2023, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner represented herself. The Department was represented by Tonja Rumph and ShaunTee Chambell.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) properly deny cash 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 May [REDACTED] 2023, the Department notified Petitioner that she was not eligible for cash assistance but then re-registered the application.
2. On November [REDACTED] 2023, the Department requested verification of her children's school attendance.
3. On November [REDACTED] 2023, the Department requested that Petitioner provide verification of her disability.
4. On November 6, 2023, the Department received Petitioner's request for a hearing.

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 Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-193, and 42 USC 601 through 679c. The Department administers FIP pursuant to 45 CFR 233 through 261, MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1 et seq, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3101 through R 400.3131.

Petitioner applied for cash assistance and on May █ 2023, the Department notified her that she was not eligible for cash assistance. Later, the Department re-registered Petitioner's application after determining that Petitioner's enrollment in self-help programing should be deferred. On November █ 2023, the Department requested that Petitioner provide verification of her children's enrollment in school and verification of her impairments that prevent employment.

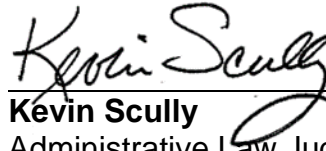
The hearing record supports a finding that Petitioner failed to provide the Department with information necessary to accurately determine her eligibility for cash assistance. Petitioner failed to offer evidence to establish her eligibility for cash assistance at her administrative hearing.

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 Petitioner's request for cash assistance.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.

KS/dm



Kevin Scully
Administrative Law Judge
Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings
and Rules (MOAHR)

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