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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; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a hearing was held via telephone conference on January 22, 2026. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] appeared with Petitioner but did not testify. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Emily Williamson, Hearing Facilitator. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-9 was received and admitted.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefit amount?

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 receiving FAP benefits of \$[REDACTED] per month.
2. Petitioner's social security income increased from \$[REDACTED] to \$[REDACTED] following a cost of living adjustment.
3. On December [REDACTED] 2025, a Notice of Case Action was sent to Petitioner informing her that her FAP benefits were being reduced to \$[REDACTED] per month effective January 1, 2026.
4. On December 18, 2025, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the reduction of FAP benefits.

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.

In this case, Petitioner's FAP benefits were reduced from \$█ to \$█ per month following her cost of living adjustment for her social security benefit. After her request for hearing Petitioner submitted medical expense receipts that had not been processed at the time of hearing. It was explained that after the medical expenses were processed and budgeted it could result in an increase of FAP benefits and a new Notice of Case Action would be sent to Petitioner. If Petitioner disagreed with that determination, she could request another hearing.

Petitioner requested that her FAP budgeting be reviewed. Petitioner receives \$█ in social security benefits. Petitioner has \$█ in housing expense and is responsible for utilities. After subtracting the \$209 standard deduction and her excess shelter deduction, Petitioner has \$█ net income. A household of 1 with \$█ in net income is entitled to \$█ per month in FAP benefit. RFT 260 That was amount determined by the Department and it was proper and correct and consistent with Department policy.

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 acted in accordance with Department policy when it determined Petitioner's FAP benefit amount.

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.



AARON MCCLINTIC
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

APPEAL RIGHTS: Petitioner may appeal this Hearing Decision to the circuit court. Rules for appeals to the circuit court can be found in the Michigan Court Rules (MCR), including MCR 7.101 to MCR 7.123, available at the Michigan Courts website at courts.michigan.gov. The Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) cannot provide legal advice, but assistance may be available through the State Bar of Michigan at <https://irs.michbar.org> or Michigan Legal Help at <https://michiganlegalhelp.org>. A copy of the circuit court appeal should be sent to MOAHR. A circuit court appeal may result in a reversal of the Hearing Decision.

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