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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 February 19, 2026. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) did not appear.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's eligibility for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits?

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 January [REDACTED] 2026, the Department sent Petitioner a Notice of Case Action (NOCA) that informed Petitioner his FAP benefits closed effective March 1 to March 31, 2025, due to income exceeding the program limit.
2. On January [REDACTED] 2026, the Department sent Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (HCCDN) that informed Petitioner he was not eligible for Medicaid (MA) coverage.
3. On January 16, 2026, the Department received Petitioner's request for hearing that disputed MA coverage and 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).

Petitioner's request for hearing disputed both MA coverage and FAP benefits and requested an Arabic interpreter. At the commencement of the hearing, Petitioner indicated that he did not need an Arabic interpreter. Petitioner stated that he was satisfied with the Department's actions regarding MA coverage and withdrew that portion of the hearing request. Therefore, Petitioner's request for a hearing regarding MA coverage is DISMISSED.

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 disputed his current monthly FAP benefit amount of \$[REDACTED] for his household of two. The Department failed to appear for the February 19, 2026 hearing. Accordingly, the Department was unable to submit the documentation and testimony needed to determine whether the Department properly determined Petitioner's eligibility for FAP benefits. Therefore, the Department's FAP eligibility determination must be reversed.

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 failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it determined Petitioner's eligibility for FAP benefits.

Accordingly, pursuant to Petitioner's withdrawal of the hearing request regarding MA, Petitioner's request for a hearing regarding **MA** is **DISMISSED**.

The Department's decision regarding **FAP** is **REVERSED**.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Redetermine Petitioner's current monthly FAP benefit amount, in accordance with Department policy;
2. If Petitioner is eligible for an increased amount of FAP benefits, supplement Petitioner for FAP benefits he is eligible to receive; and
3. Notify Petitioner of its decision in writing.



JULIA NORTON
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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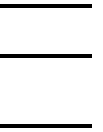
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