

## **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefit of \$24.00 for December 2025?

## **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 REDACTED 2025, Petitioner applied for State Emergency Relief (SER) and FAP benefits.
2. The Department used Petitioner's check stubs dated September 19, 2025, for REDACTED and October 3, 2025, for REDACTED to calculate Petitioner's income.
3. On November 11, 2025, Petitioner was approved for FAP benefits of REDACTED for December 2025, based on incorrect income of REDACTED.
4. On January 26, 2026, Petitioner filed a hearing request.
5. On February 12, 2026, the Department placed a ticket on Petitioner's case to have Petitioner's December 2025 FAP budget recalculated and December FAP supplements issued accordingly.
6. No response was received to the February 12, 2026, ticket.
7. On March 4, 2026, the Department filed another ticket (#GRC769949) to have Petitioner's December 2025 FAP budget recalculated and December FAP supplements issued accordingly.

## **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 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, the Department acknowledged that Petitioner's income of REDACTED that was included in Petitioner's December 2025 FAP budget was incorrect. On

February 12, 2026, the Department placed a ticket on Petitioner's case to have Petitioner's December 2025 FAP budget recalculated and December FAP supplements issued accordingly. No response was received to the February 12, 2026, ticket. On March 4, 2026, the Department filed another ticket (#GRC769949) to have Petitioner's December 2025 FAP budget recalculated and December FAP supplements issued accordingly.

### **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 acknowledged that Petitioner's December 2025 FAP budget was based on incorrect income.

Therefore, ticket #GRC769949 shall be expedited to have Petitioner's December 2025 FAP budget recalculated and December FAP supplements issued accordingly.