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STATE OF WISCONSIN
Division of Hearings and Appeals

In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

DECISION

CTS/144981

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed October 30, 2012, under Wis. Stat. § 227.42, to review a decision by the Oneida County Department of Social Services ["County"] in regard to the Caretaker Supplement program ["CTS"], a Hearing was held via telephone on January 11, 2013. At petitioner's request Hearings scheduled for December 17, 2012 and November 29, 2012 were rescheduled. The Hearing for this matter was held at the same time as the Hearing for the following 2 closely related matters concerning the same petitioner: BCS-144979; and, FOO-144980.

The issue for determination is whether petitioner is eligible for CTS for her 18-year-old son.

There appeared at that time via telephone the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:

[REDACTED]

Respondent:

Department of Health Services
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Madison, Wisconsin 53703

By: Amy Mayo, Support Program Supervisor
Gina Hart, ESS

Oneida County Department of Social Services
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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Sean P. Maloney
Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner (CARES # [REDACTED]) is a resident of Oneida County.
2. Petitioner has an 18-year-old son ["DT"]; DT does not live with petitioner.
3. The County determined that petitioner is not eligible for CTS for DT because DT does not live with petitioner.

DISCUSSION

A parent is eligible for a CTS benefit for a child only if, among other things, the parent resides with the child. Wis. Stat. §§ 40.141(1)(b) & (c); and, 49.775(1)(a) & (b) (2009-10); *SSI Caretaker Supplement (CTS) Handbook* ["CTS Handbook"], 3.1.9.¹

The decision in this matter must be based on a preponderance of the credible evidence. Wis. Admin. Code § HA 3.09(4) (September 2001). The evidence in the record of this matter is that DT does not live with petitioner. The evidence is that DT lives in [REDACTED] and attends school in [REDACTED]. This is supported by verification from the school system, statements made by other persons who do live with petitioner, and by a home visit to petitioner's home by a Social Worker.

Petitioner acknowledges that DT attends school in [REDACTED]. However, she claims that DT still lived with her in [REDACTED] and continues to live with her in [REDACTED]. The only evidence petitioner offers to support this, aside from her own testimony, are 3 pieces of mail addressed to DT at petitioner's [REDACTED]. This is not convincing and petitioner is not credible.

Based on the above, petitioner is not eligible for CTS for her 18-year-old son (DT). It is not necessary to consider the other reasons that the County denied CTS to petitioner for DT.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

For the reason discussed above, petitioner is not eligible for CTS for her 18-year-old son (DT).

THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

That the petition for review herein be and the same is hereby DISMISSED.

¹ In addition, a custodial parent is eligible for a CTS benefit only if, among other things, the custodial parent is a recipient of Supplement Security Income ["SSI"] or a recipient of State SSI (or both). Wis. Stat. § 49.775(2)(a) (2009-10); CTS Handbook, 3.1.4. If a dependent child has 2 custodial parents each custodial parent must get SSI or State SSI (or both). Wis. Stat. § 49.775(2)(b) (2009-10); CTS Handbook, 3.1.2. & 3.1.9. It is for this reason that petitioner's other son (["RW"]; age 12 years) is also not eligible for CTS. Although petitioner does reside with RW the father of RW also resides with them and the father does not get SSI or State SSI. Eligibility for Social Security Disability Insurance ["SSDI"] does not qualify a parent as a CTS parent. CTS Handbook 3.14.

REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

This is a final administrative decision. If you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law, you may request a rehearing. You may also ask for a rehearing if you have found new evidence which would change the decision. Your request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and tell why you did not have it at your first hearing. If you do not explain these things, your request will have to be denied.

To ask for a rehearing, send a written request to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, P.O. Box 7875, Madison, WI 53707-7875. Send a copy of your request to the other people named in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your request for a rehearing must be received no later than 20 days after the date of the decision. Late requests cannot be granted.

The process for asking for a rehearing is in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes can be found at your local library or courthouse.

APPEAL TO COURT

You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be served and filed with the appropriate court no more than 30 days after the date of this hearing decision (or 30 days after a denial of rehearing, if you ask for one).

For purposes of appeal to circuit court, the Respondent in this matter is the Department of Health Services. After filing the appeal with the appropriate court, it must be served on the Secretary of that Department, either personally or by certified mail. The address of the Department is: 1 West Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703. A copy should also be sent to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400.

The appeal must also be served on the other "PARTIES IN INTEREST" named in this decision. The process for appeals to the Circuit Court is in Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53.

Given under my hand at the City of Madison,
Wisconsin, this 24th day of January, 2013

\sSean P. Maloney
Administrative Law Judge
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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on January 24, 2013.

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Division of Health Care Access and Accountability