

STATE OF VERMONT
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

In re) Fair Hearing No. 11,328
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Appeal of)

INTRODUCTION

The petitioner appeals the decision by the Department of Social Welfare reducing her A.N.F.C. benefits. The Department based its action on program-wide reductions necessitated by legislative cutbacks in funding.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Effective July 1, 1992, the Department lowered the amount of benefits for all applicants and recipients of A.N.F.C. from 60.6 percent of "basic needs" to 58.8 percent.

See W.A.M. § 2245.2 (Bulletin No. 92-29). For the petitioner, this resulted in a decrease in A.N.F.C. from \$495.00 to \$483.00 a month effective July 1, 1992.

ORDER

The Department's decision is affirmed.

REASONS

The Department's decision is the unfortunate result of budget cutbacks imposed by the state legislature. See Pub. Act 245, 1992 Session. Therefore the board is bound to affirm the Department's decision in the petitioner's case. 3 V.S.A. § 3091(d) and Fair Hearing Rule No. 19.

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