

Office of Appeals U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Washington, D.C. 20410-0001

In the Matter of:

Danielle Dixon,

Petitioner

HUDOA No. Claim No. 11-H-NY-AWG15 780692890

<u>Pro se</u>

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RULING AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL

Petitioner filed a timely request to present evidence that an alleged past-due, legally enforceable debt of Petitioner to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") should not be collected by the Secretary by means of administrative wage garnishment. Pursuant to 24 C.F.R. §§ 17.170, 20.4(b), and 31 C.F.R. § 285.11(f), the administrative judges of the HUD Office of Appeals are authorized to determine whether certain debts exist and are legally enforceable and whether they can be collected by means of administrative wage garnishment. As a result of Petitioner's request, referral of the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury was temporarily stayed by this Office on October 21, 2010. (Notice of Docketing, Order, and Stay of Referral, dated October 21, 2010.)

On November 3, 2010, a Motion to Dismiss ("Sec'y Mot. to Dismiss") was filed by the Secretary in which the Secretary stated that HUD seeks to dismiss, without prejudice, its action to pursue collection of the subject debt via Administrative Wage Garnishment as Petitioner will be involuntarily separated from her current employer, Wells Fargo, N.A." The Secretary further states that "this matter be dismissed without prejudice to renew the application at such time as Petitioner should become eligible for wage garnishment." (Sec'y Mot. to Dismiss, p.1.) Upon due consideration, the Secretary's motion is **GRANTED**. It is hereby

ORDERED that the Secretary shall not seek to collect this debt by means of administrative wage garnishment of any federal payments due to Petitioner because Petitioner will be involuntarily separated from her current employer.

The Stay of Referral of this matter to the U.S. Department of the Treasury issued by this Office on October 21, 2010 will remain in place indefinitely. However, the Secretary may renew the application at such time as Petitioner should become eligible for wage garnishment.

This matter is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

Vanessa L. Hall Administrative Judge

November 15, 2010