

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:



Claimant

Reg. No.: 2008-25500

Issue No.: 2007

Case No.:

Load No.:

Hearing Date:

July 16, 2009

Wayne County DHS (73)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; MSA 16.409 and MCL 400.37; MSA 16.437 upon the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, an in person hearing was held on July 16, 2009. The Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny the Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. The claimant was a MA recipient.
2. On March 13, 2008 the Medical Review Team (MRT) scheduled the claimant for a medical exam on March 27, 2008. (Department exhibit 2).
3. On March 27, 2008, the claimant failed to appear or call to reschedule his exam.
4. On June 10, 2008, the department closed the claimant's MA.

5. On June 27, 2008, the claimant requested a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, et seq., and MCL 400.105. Department policies are found in the Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

In the instant case, the department sent the claimant a notice for a medical exam as part of its medical review of his MA benefits. The claimant failed to show up for the exam and did not call to reschedule it.

**Client Cooperation**

The client is responsible for providing evidence needed to prove disability or blindness. However, you must assist the client when they need your help to obtain it. Such help includes the following:

Scheduling medical exam appointments  
Paying for medical evidence and medical transportation

See PAM 815 and PAM 825 for details.

A client who refuses or fails to submit to an exam necessary to determine disability or blindness **cannot** be determined disabled or blind and you should deny the application or close the case. It is not necessary to return the medical evidence to MRT for another decision in this instance. (PEM 260, p. 4)

At the hearing the claimant stated that he had not received the notice of the scheduled medical exam. The evidence shows that the notice was mailed to the correct address.

This ALJ finds that the scheduled exam notice was sent properly and that the department was correct in closing the claimant's MA based on the above policy.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, AFFIRMS the Department's action in the instant case.

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Michael J. Bennane  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 09/03/09

Date Mailed: 09/08/09

NOTICE: Administrative Hearings may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a party within 30 days of the mailing date of this Decision and Order. Administrative Hearings will not order a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's motion where the final decision cannot be implemented within 90 days of the filing of the original request.

The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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