

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF: [REDACTED],
Claimant

Reg. No: 2008-19066
Issue No: 2021
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
August 11, 2009
Muskegon County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jana A. Bachman

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; and MCL 400.37 upon claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on August 11, 2009.

ISSUE

Whether the Department of Human Services (department) acted in compliance with department policy when it determined claimant had excess property to qualify Medical Assistance (MA)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

(1) April 16, 2008, the department sent claimant written notice that MA would terminate due to excess assets.

(2) April 17, 2009, the department received claimant's timely request for hearing and deleted the proposed negative action.

(3) On or about April 2009, the department determined that claimant did not have excess property to qualify for MA and rescinded its proposed negative action. Claimant's MA case is open.

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 (DHS or department) 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 this case, the department determined claimant had assets in excess of the limit allowed by department policy and proposed to terminate MA benefits. After review of record, the department determined that claimant did not have excess assets and rescinded its proposed termination of benefits. Finding of Fact 1-3. The claimant presented no evidence at hearing that the department terminated or intended to terminate the MA benefits due to excess assets.

Accordingly, the department has met its burden of proof and its action must be upheld.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the Department of Human Services acted in compliance with department policy

Accordingly, the department's action is **HEREBY UPHELD**.

/s/ _____
Jana A. Bachman
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 17, 2009

Date Mailed: August 19, 2009

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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