

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: 2009-25020
Issue No: 2003
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
October 1, 2009
Saginaw 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 October 1, 2009.

ISSUE

Whether the Department of Human Services (department) properly determined claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

(1) During April 2009, claimant was a recipient of Medical Assistance as caretaker relative of a dependent child. The department learned that claimant did not have a dependent child in the home.

(2) April 9, 2009, the department sent claimant written notice that she no longer qualified for caretaker relative MA. The department advised claimant to apply for disability related MA and claimant did so.

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).

Department manuals provide the following policy statements and instructions for caseworkers:

MA Only

The goal of the Medicaid program is to ensure that essential health care services are made available to those who otherwise could not afford them. Medicaid is also known as Medical Assistance (MA).

SSI-RELATED AND FIP-RELATED

The Medicaid program is comprised of several sub-programs (i.e., categories). One category is FIP recipients. Another category is SSI recipients. There are several other categories for persons not receiving FIP or SSI. However, the eligibility factors for these categories are based on (related to) the eligibility factors in either the FIP or SSI program. Therefore, these categories are referred to as either FIP-related or SSI-related.

To receive MA under an SSI-related category, the person must be aged (65 or older), blind, disabled, entitled to Medicare or formerly blind or disabled.

Families with dependent children, caretaker relatives of dependent children, persons under age 21 and pregnant, or recently pregnant, women receive MA under FIP-related categories.

Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 105

Social Security Act, Sections 1902 and 1905
42 CFR Part 435

MCL 400.106

In this case, claimant was no longer eligible for MA as a family with dependent children. At the time of closure, claimant had not been determined to be disabled by the Medical Review Team, was not a recipient of disability benefits from the Social Security Administration, was not pregnant nor recently pregnant, was not blind, and was not 65 years of age or over or under 21 years of age. The department properly encouraged claimant to pursue MA based on disability. Accordingly, the department properly proposed to terminate claimant's MA benefits. The department has met its burden of proof and its action must be upheld. Finding of Fact 1-2; BEM 105.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the Department of Human Services properly determined claimant's eligibility for Medical Assistance.

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: October 21, 2009

Date Mailed: October 22, 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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