# STATE OF MICHIGAN STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

# ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Claimant

Reg. No.: 2009-26607

Issue No.: 2021

Case No.:

Load No.:

Hearing Date: January 14, 2010

Wayne County DHS (19)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Linda Steadley Schwarb

### **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 hearing was held on January 14, 2010. Claimant appeared and testified.

#### **ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services (DHS or department) properly terminate claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) based upon excess assets?

## FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1) Claimant was an ongoing recipient of MA benefits.
- Following the department's redetermination of eligibility, on April 29, 2009, the department notified claimant that, effective May 12, 2009, it intended to terminate her ongoing MA benefits based upon excess assets.

- 3) On May 12, 2009, claimant's MA was terminated.
- 4) On May 11, 2009, claimant filed a hearing request to protest the department's action.
- 5) At the hearing, the parties reached an accord. The department agreed to initiate reconsideration of claimant's eligibility for MA effective June 1, 2009.
- 6) Claimant indicated satisfaction with the department's plan of action.

#### 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).

The law provides that disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24.278(2). In this case, the parties reached an accord. The department agreed to initiate reconsideration of claimant's eligibility for MA effective June 1, 2009. Claimant indicated satisfaction with the department's plan of action.

#### DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Department of Human Services shall initiate reconsideration of claimant's eligibility for Medical Assistance effective June 1, 2009. The department shall notify claimant of its determination in writing.

Linda Steadley Schwarb Administrative Law Judge for Ismael Ahmed, Director Department of Human Services

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Date Signed: March 24, 2010

Date Mailed: March 25, 2010

**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 mailing 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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