

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.: 2009-27858

Issue No.: 2006

Case No.: [REDACTED]

Load No.: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

March 1, 2010

Oakland County DHS (3)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Benmane

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 a telephone hearing was held on February 17, 2010. The Claimant personally appeared and testified and was represented by his Authorized Representative (AR) [REDACTED]

ISSUE

Whether the Department correctly denied the claimant Medical Assistance (MA) and retroactive MA applications?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On December 29, 2008, the Claimant's AR filed applications for MA and retroactive MA.

2. On January 9, 2009, the department sent the claimant a verification checklist requesting various pieces of documentation with a due date of January 22, 2009. (Department exhibit 5)
3. On January 22, 2009, the claimant's AR sent the department a request for an extension and assistance in compiling the documents requested. (Department exhibit 7)
4. On January 22, 2009, the Department denied the Claimant's MA and retroactive MA applications.
5. On April 21, 2009, 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).

Timeliness of Verifications

MA Only

Allow the client 10 calendar days (or other time limit specified in policy) to provide the verification you request. If the client cannot provide the verification despite a reasonable effort, extend the time limit up to three times. (PAM 130, p 4)

In this case the Department denied the claimant's applications for lack of verification but the evidence shows that the AR clearly requested an extension on the date of the denial.

This ALJ finds that the department was in violation of the above policy.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, REVERSES and ORDERS the department to reregister the Claimant's MA application of December 29, 2009, and retroactive MA back to September, 2008.



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

Date Signed: 4/6/2010

Date Mailed: 4/6/2010

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 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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