

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.: 2009-28778  
Issue No.: 2006  
Case No.:   
Load No.:   
Hearing Date:  
August 17, 2009  
Wayne County DHS (17)

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, a telephone hearing was held on August 17, 2009. The Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close 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. On April 23, 2009, the Department sent the claimant a verification checklist, due May 5, 2009, requesting various items of documentation. (Department exhibit 1).
2. On June 8, 2009, the Department sent the Claimant a "bridges" notice that his MA redetermination date was June 30, 2009, with a due date of June 17, 2009. (Department exhibit 2).

3. On June 26, 2009 the department closed the claimant's MA.
4. On July 1, 2009, the Claimant filed a request for 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 Claimant testified at the hearing that he had supplied the department with the requested information on June 5, 2009. The department did not refute this statement.

#### **Timeliness of Verifications**

##### **CDC, FIP, FAP**

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 at least once.

Verifications are considered to be timely if received by the date they are due. For electronically transmitted verifications (e.g., fax, email), the date of the transmission is the receipt date.

Verifications that are submitted after the close of regular business hours through the drop box or by delivery of a DHS representative are considered to be received the next business day.

Send a negative action notice when:

The client indicates refusal to provide a verification, **or**  
**The time period given has elapsed and the client has not** made a reasonable effort to provide it.

Effective June 1, 2008

**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).

This ALJ finds that the information sent to the claimant was in conflict. One notice listed the due date of May 5, 2009, a second notice listed the “redetermination due date” as June 17, 2009.

The evidence shows that the information was provided to the department on June 5, 2009, well before the June 17, 2009, due date in the second notice. This ALJ finds that the claimant provided the department with the verifications requested in a timely manner and erroneously closed his MA.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, **REVERSES AND ORDERS** the department to reinstate the claimant’s MA back to the date of closure.



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

Date Signed: 11/05/09

Date Mailed: 11/05/09

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motion where the final decision cannot be implemented within 60 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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