

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: 2009-29342
Issue No: 2021
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
September 16, 2009
Macomb County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jonathan W. Owens

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 September 16, 2009.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services (Department) properly deny Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) application for excess assets?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On February 5, 2009 the Claimant applied for MA coverage.
2. On June 2, 2009 denied the Claimant's application for MA for excess assets for the month of application. The Claimant had assets in the amount of \$6649.60.
3. On June 8, 2009 Claimant filed a request for 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).

Michigan provides MA for eligible clients under two general classifications: Group 1 and Group 2 MA. Claimant falls under Group 2 MA classification which consists of client's whose eligibility results from the state designating types of individuals as "medically needy." MCL 400.106; MSA 16.490 (16), MCL 400.107; MSA 16.490(17), and PEM, Item 105.

In the present case, Claimant's total countable assets equaled \$6649.60 at the time of application. In order to qualify for MA the Claimant must have assets less than \$2000. The Department completed a budget and verifies all sources of assets listed on the application and determined the Claimant had assets in excess of \$2000.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Department properly denied Claimant's MA application for excess assets.

Accordingly the Department's decision is hereby AFFIRMED.

/s/

Jonathan W. Owens
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 9/22/09

Date Mailed: 9/25/09

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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