

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.: 2009-33757

Issue No.: 2006

Case No.: [REDACTED]

Load No.: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

March 1, 2010

Wayne County DHS (43)

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, an in person hearing was held on March 1, 2010. The Claimant personally appeared and testified and was represented by his Authorized Representative (AR) [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny the Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) and retroactive 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 March 13, 2009, the Claimant applied for MA and retroactive MA.
2. On March 13, 2009, the Department sent the claimant a verification checklist, due March 23, 2009, requesting various pieces of documentation. (Department's exhibit 1).
3. On May 21, the claimant's AR received notice of their client's denial.

4. On June 24, 2008, the Claimant's AR 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).

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES

All Programs

An **authorized representative** (AR) is a person who applies for assistance on behalf of the client and/or otherwise acts on his behalf (PAM 110, p.7).

In the instant case, the Department failed to send the verification checklist to the claimant's AR. Therefore, the Department effectively, sent no verification request.

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 March 13, 2009, MA application with retroactivity to January, 2009.



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

Date Signed: 4/6/2010


Date Mailed: 4/6/2010

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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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