

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: 2009-15986
Issue No: 2006
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
August 19, 2009
Oakland County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: William A. Sundquist

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 telephone hearing was held on August 19, 2009.

ISSUES

- (1) Was noncompliance with timely verification requirements established?
- (2) Are exceptions to DHS policy requirements allowed by ALJs?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

Negative case action: On July 28, 2009 past incurred medical bills on October 22, 2007 and November 8, 2007 were submitted to the DHS for payment and denied based on nonsubmission within three months after incurring the bills per PEM 132; claimant agreed with the policy/facts, but wants an exception to the DHS policy requirement.

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).

Facts above are undisputed.

Issue #1

Based on the above undisputed facts, noncompliance with timely verification requirements was established, as a matter of law.

Issue #2

Administrative law judges have no authority to make decisions on constitutional grounds, overrule statutes, overrule promulgated regulations or overrule or make exceptions to the department policy set out in the program manuals. Delegation of Hearing Authority, August 9, 2002, per PA 1939, Section 9, Act 280.

Therefore, as a matter of law, this ALJ has no legal authority to grant the claimant's requested exception to DHS policy requirements.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that:

- (1) Noncompliance with timely verification requirements was established, and
- (2) Exceptions to DHS policy requirements are not allowed by ALJs.

Accordingly:

- (1) Medicaid denial for the two medical bills stated above are UPHeld, and
- (2) Exceptions to DHS policy requirements are not allowed by ALJs.

/s/ _____
William A. Sundquist
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: October 19, 2009

Date Mailed: October 19, 2009

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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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