

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: 2009-22594  
Issue No: 2001  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Load No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
June 1, 2010  
Kent County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Kevin Scully

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge by authority of MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37. Claimant's request for a hearing was received on March, 30, 2010. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

ISSUE

Whether the Department of Human Services (Department) properly determined the Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- (1) The Claimant applied for MA benefits on March 23, 2009.
- (2) The Claimant's spouse receives monthly Retirement, Survivor's and Disability Insurance (RSDI) in the gross monthly amount of [REDACTED].

(3) On March 24, 2009, the Department denied the Claimant's application for MA benefits due to excess income.

(4) The Department received the Claimant's request for a hearing on March 30, 2009, protesting the denial of her application for MA benefits.

#### 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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), Reference Table Manual (RFT), and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

The Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by Title XXI of the Social Security Act; (1115)(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, and is administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS or department) pursuant to MCL 400.10, et seq. Department policies are contained in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

For AMP benefits, the applicant's group is composed of the adult, and that adult's spouse. BEM 211. Income eligibility exists when the program group's net income does not exceed the program group's AMP income limit. On March 24, 2009, the income limit for an independently living individual and spouse was [REDACTED]. RFT 236.

In this case, the Claimant's spouse receives monthly Retirement, Survivor's and Disability Insurance (RSDI) in the gross monthly amount of [REDACTED]. The Claimant's group

exceeds the AMP income limit. Therefore, the Department properly denied the Claimant's application for MA benefits.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Department acted in accordance with policy in determining the Claimant's MA eligibility.

The Department's MA eligibility determination is AFFIRMED. It is SO ORDERED.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin Scully  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: June 23, 2010

Date Mailed: June 24, 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 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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