

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.: 2009-29685  
Issue No.: 2000  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
April 8, 2010  
Wayne County DHS (58)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Linda Steadley Schwarb

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 April 8, 2010. Claimant appeared and testified. Claimant was represented by [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services (DHS or department) properly deny claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1) On March 13, 2009, an application was filed on claimant's behalf for MA benefits. The application requested MA-P retroactive to October of 2008.

- 2) On March 11, 2009, the department denied claimant's application for benefits based upon the belief that claimant had excess assets.
- 3) On June 8, 2009, a hearing request was filed to protest the department's determination.
- 4) At the hearing, the parties reached an accord. The department acknowledged an error in application of policy and agreed to immediately open MA for claimant effective October of 2008.
- 5) Claimant's authorized representative indicated satisfaction with the department's plan of action.

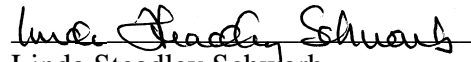
#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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).

The law provides that disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 400.278(2). In this case, the parties reached an accord. At the hearing, the department acknowledged an error in application of policy and agreed to immediately open MA for claimant effective October of 2008. Claimant's authorized representative indicated satisfaction with the department's plan of action.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Department of Human Services shall immediately open Medical Assistance for claimant effective October of 2008. The department shall notify claimant and her authorized representative the case has been opened.

  
Linda Steadley Schwarz  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 13, 2010

Date Mailed: April 14, 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 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 mailing 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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