

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.: 2009-36655

Issue No.: 2011

Case No.: [REDACTED]

Load No.: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

December 16, 2009

Wayne County DHS (35)

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. After timely notice and upon the claimant's request for a hearing, a telephone hearing was held on December 16, 2009. The claimant was present and testified.

ISSUE

Did the department properly close the claimant's 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 June 30, 2009, the department closed the claimant's MA because the minor child member of the FIP group turned 18 and graduated from high school.
- 2) On August 18, 2009, the 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).

Here, the Department found the claimant had become ineligible for MA because her child had turned 18 and graduated from high school.

FIP Ineligibles

Families no longer eligible for FIP might continue to be eligible for MA-only under LIF. Consider LIF first, then consider other categories...

A child has been excluded from the FIP program group because the child is emancipated, but the child lives with the group and is:

Under age 18, or
Age 18 or 19 and a full-time high school student who is
expected to graduate before age 20. (PEM 110, p.2.)

Here, the child in question was both 18 and had graduated from high school and therefore was ineligible.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, AFFIRMS the department's actions in the instant case.



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

Date Signed: January 22, 2010

Date Mailed: January 22, 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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