STATE OF MICHIGAN STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

Reg No: 2010-10173 Issue No: 2026

Claimant, Case No:

Load No:

Hearing Date: March 23, 2010

Gladwin County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Steven M. Brown

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 conducted from on March 23, 2010.

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly computed Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility?

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 September 2, 2009, the Department mailed Claimant a Notice of Case Action which informed her that the Medicare Savings Program would continue effective October 1, 2009 - ongoing and the Medicaid Program would have a deductible from October 1, 2009 - ongoing. (Exhibits 35-38)

(2) On October 27, 2009, the Department received the Claimant's hearing request regarding the Medicaid Program. (Exhibit 44)

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) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

In the instant case, Claimant stated that she filed her hearing request because she did not understand how the MA deductible worked, but that now she does. With that said, based on the testimony and documentation offered at hearing, I find that the Department established that it acted in accordance with policy in computing Claimant's MA eligibility.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

Accordingly, the Department's MA eligibility determination is AFFIRMED, it is SO ORDERED.

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Steven M. Brown Administrative Law Judge for Ismael Ahmed, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: March 24, 2010

Date Mailed: March 25, 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 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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