

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No: 201012334

Issue No: 2000

Case No: [REDACTED]

Load No: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

August 26, 2010

Oakland County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Robert J. Chavez

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 August 26, 2010.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny claimant's Medicaid application?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- (1) Claimant applied for Medicaid on March 27, 2009.
- (2) At the hearing, the Department agreed that claimant's Medicaid application would be reviewed by the Medical Review team before any determination was made with regard to citizenship eligibility.
- (3) The Department agreed to remove the negative action in the matter.
- (4) As a result of this agreement, claimant indicated that she no longer wished to proceed with the hearing.

(5) Claimant was represented by [REDACTED].

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) and Reference Tables (RFT).

Under Bridges Administrative Manual Item 600, clients have the right to contest any agency decision affecting eligibility or benefit levels whenever they believe the decision is illegal. The agency provides an Administrative Hearing to review the decision and determine if it is appropriate. Agency policy includes procedures to meet the minimal requirements for a fair hearing. Efforts to clarify and resolve the client's concerns start when the agency receives a hearing request and continues through the day of the hearing.


In the present case, the Department has agreed that a Department policy memo has directed caseworkers in cases involving Medicaid disability denials for failing to verify citizenship to remove the negative action and send the case to the Medical Review Team for review. The Department agreed to remove the negative action and process the application according to new policy standards. As a result of the agreement, claimant agreed that she no longer wished to proceed with the hearing.

Therefore, as a result of the settlement, it is unnecessary for the Administrative Law Judge to render a decision.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Department and the claimant have reached a settlement in the current case. Therefore, it is unnecessary for the Administrative Law Judge to render a decision.

The Department is ORDERED to process claimant's March 27, 2009 Medicaid application.



Robert J. Chavez
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 09/01/10

Date Mailed: 09/02/10

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.

RJC/dj

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