

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.: 2010-12647  
Issue No.: 2000  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
June 9, 2010  
Macomb County DHS (20)

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 upon the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held on June 9, 2010. The claimant was represented by his Authorized Representative [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny the claimant's Medical Assistance (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 May 9, 2008, the claimant applied for MA, retroactive MA and State Disability Assistance (SDA).
2. On August 25, 2008, the department denied the claimant's MA after the Medical Review Team (MRT) reviewed and denied his application.

3. On January 13, 2009, the claimant, through his Authorized Representative (AR) filed a request for a 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).

### **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES**

#### **All Programs**

An **authorized representative** (AR) is a person who applies for assistance on behalf of the client and/or otherwise acts on his behalf (PAM 110, p.7).

Here, the department failed to notify the AR of the negative action taken thus there was no notice.

The law provides that disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24. 278(2). In the instant case, the parties reached an accord. The department agreed to reissue a currently dated denial to allow the claimant to contest it in a prompt manner.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the department and claimant have come to an agreement and ORDERS the department to reissue a currently dated denial.



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

Date Signed: 6/22/2010

Date Mailed: 6/22/2010

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 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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