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

IN THE MATTER OF:

Reg. No: 201022930

Issue No: 2001

Case No:

Load No:

Hearing Date:

September 16, 2010 Macomb 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 September 16, 2010.

#### <u>ISSUE</u>

Was the claimant's AMP application properly denied for an enrollment freeze?

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

- Claimant applied for AMP in Macomb County.
- Claimant was then evaluated for the Adult Medical Program.
- (3) At the time of the application, enrollment in AMP was frozen.
- (4) Claimant's Medicaid application was subsequently denied.
- (5) On October 16, 2009, claimant requested a hearing.

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(6) At the hearing, the Department agreed to settle a separate SDA issue and award SDA for the months of October 2009 through March 2010.

(7) Claimant was represented by at the hearing.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program which provides financial assistance for disabled persons is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department of Human Services (DHS or Department) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MAC R 400.3151-400.3180. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

The Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by Title XXI of the Social Security Act; (1115)(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, and is administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS or department) pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq*. Department policies are contained in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

Claimants must meet all eligibility requirements to receive AMP benefits. BEM 640. However, a claimant may only be eligible for AMP if there is not an enrollment freeze. Any AMP application received during an enrollment freeze must be registered and denied. BEM 640. Claimant's application was registered during an enrollment freeze in AMP. Therefore, claimant's AMP application was correctly denied.

Claimant also brought up an SDA issue during the hearing; however, the Department agreed that SDA would be opened for a period of October 2009 through March 2010. This was acceptable to the claimant, and claimant agreed to drop her

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request for hearing for that portion of the case. As such, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to decide that matter.

#### DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the Department was correct when it determined claimant was not eligible for AMP. The Administrative Law Judge is not required to decide the SDA portion of the case.

Accordingly, the Department's decision in the above stated matter is, hereby, AFFIRMED.

The Department is ORDERED to open up claimant's SDA case for the months of October 2009 through March 2010, as agreed at the hearing, and award claimant all supplemental benefits to which she is otherwise entitled.

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

Date Signed: 09/28/10

Date Mailed: 09/28/10

**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.

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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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