

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: 2010-33703
Issue No: 2027
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
July 28, 2010
Jackson County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: William A. Sundquist

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 held on July 28, 2010.

ISSUE

Was a MA non-related SSI eligibility established?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

(1) Negative case action: MA termination on December 22, 2009 based on MA related SSI eligibility ending per BEM 150.

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 Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

Fact above is undisputed.

LOCAL OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES

All Programs

Ensure client rights described in this item are honored and that client responsibilities are explained in understandable terms. Clients are to be treated with dignity and respect by all DHS employees. PAM, Item 105, p. 8.

The claimant testified under oath that she did not receive the DHS mailing of the negative case action notice.

In essence, the DHS representative attempted to prove its case with a conclusion that central office automatically mailed the notice mentioned above. There was no competent evidence introduced in support of this conclusion as to how the information was processed from the local office/federal office and central office in the accuracy thereafter that an actual mailing took place.

The ALJ finds the testimony under oath by the claimant more trustworthy and reliable than the conclusory evidence by the local DHS that a mailing took place.

Therefore, this ALJ is not persuaded by the preponderance of the evidence of record that required notice to the claimant was established per PAM 600.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that MA non-related SSI eligibility was not established.

Accordingly, MA denial is REVERSED, and reinstatement within 10 work days
ORDERED.


/s/
William A. Sundquist
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 12, 2010

Date Mailed: August 12, 2010

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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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