

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201034663  
Issue No.: 2009  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: October 28, 2010  
Wayne County DHS (82)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Michael J. Bennane

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon the claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on October 28, 2010. The claimant appeared and testified. The Claimant was represented by her Authorized Representative (AR), [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department was correct in denying the claimant's application for MA and retroactive MA?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. On March 26, 2010, the claimant's AR filed an application for MA and retroactive MA.
2. On January 22, 2010, the department denied the claimant's MA and retroactive MA applications.
3. On April 15, 2010, the claimant's AR filed a request for a hearing.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the 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

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Agency) 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 Program Reference Manual (PRM).

In this case the department testified that the Medical Review Team (MRT) denied the claimant's application.

### **SSI-RELATED AND FIP-RELATED**

The Medicaid program is comprised of several sub-programs or categories. One category is FIP recipients. Another category is SSI recipients. There are several other categories for persons not receiving FIP or SSI. However, the eligibility factors for these categories are based on (related to) the eligibility factors in either the FIP or SSI program. Therefore, these categories are referred to as either FIP-related or SSI-related.

To receive MA under an SSI-related category, the person must be aged (65 or older), blind, disabled, entitled to Medicare or formerly blind or disabled.

Families with dependent children, caretaker relatives of dependent children, persons under age 21 and pregnant, or recently pregnant, women receive MA under FIP-related categories. (BEM 105, p.1).

In the instant case the claimant's AR argues that while the claimant may not qualify as disabled she has minor children in her home and a determination of FIP based MA should be done.

The undersigned finds that the department should check eligibility under FIP based MA.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, REVERSES and ORDERS the department to reregister the claimant's March 26, 2010, MA and retroactive MA applications.



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Michael J. Bennane  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 11/17/2010

Date Mailed: 11/22/2010

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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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