

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.: 2010-3620
Issue No.: 2000
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
May 3, 2010
Wayne County DHS (15)

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 a telephone hearing was held on May 3, 2010. The claimant was represented by his/her Authorized Representative (AR) [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny the claimant's Medical Assistance (MA), and retroactive MA redetermination?

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 December 16, 2008, the claimant applied for MA and retroactive MA based on disability.
2. On March 24, 2009, the department sent the claimant a verification checklist requesting various pieces of documentation/information. (Department exhibit 18).

3. On June 4, 2009, the department denied the claimant's MA and retroactive MA for lack of verification.
4. On August 21, 2009, the claimant 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).

Here, the department sent the application and documentation to the Medical Review Team (MRT). MRT requested a consulting physician. When the claimant's AR did not provide same the department denied the claimant's applications.

Client Cooperation

The client is responsible for providing evidence needed to prove disability or blindness. However, you must assist the customer when they need your help to obtain it. Such help includes the following:

Scheduling medical exam appointments
Paying for medical evidence and medical transportation (PEM 260, p.4).

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 reregister the MA, and retroactive MA applications using the December 16, 2009, application date.

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 reregister the December 16, 2009, MA and retroactive MA applications.



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

Date Signed: 6/3/2010

Date Mailed: 6/3/2010

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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