

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. #s: 2010-43248
2010-44378
Issue No: 2006 2000
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
November 16, 2010
Wayne County DHS (17)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Kandra Robbins

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge by authority of MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37. The Claimant filed two requests for hearing regarding his AMP case closure. It was requested to have the two requests heard together to save the claimant a second trip for a hearing. Because the issues are related, the request was granted. Claimant's request for a hearings were received on April 29, 2010 and June 8, 2010. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on November 16, 2010.

ISSUES

- (1) Did the Department properly terminate claimant's AMP case based on a failure to return verifications?
- (2) Did the Department properly terminate claimant's AMP case based on a failure to comply with the redetermination process?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- (1) On March 25, 2010, claimant filed an application for SDA reporting assets, a disabling condition and self-employment.
- (2) On March 25, 2010, claimant filed an incomplete DHS 1010, Redetermination Form.

- (3) On March 25, 2010 Claimant was sent a DHS 3503 Verification Checklist requesting verification of his bank accounts and disability by April 5, 2010.
- (4) Claimant did not submit the requested verifications in a timely manner.
- (5) The Claimant admits that he received notification that his AMP case was closed for failure to provide verification documents and failure to comply with re-determination process.
- (6) On June 10, 2010 claimant was sent a letter regarding a pre-hearing conference to be held on June 18, 2010.
- (7) Claimant attended the pre-hearing conference on June 18, 2010.
- (8) On April 19, 2010, claimant requested a hearing regarding the Adult Medical Program closure due to failure to provide needed verifications.
- (9) On June 8, 2010, claimant requested a hearing regarding the Adult Medical Program closure due to failure to comply with the redetermination process.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

CLIENT OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibility to Cooperate

All Programs

Clients must cooperate with the local office in determining initial and ongoing eligibility. This includes completion of the necessary forms. BAM, Item 105, p. 5.

All Programs

Clients must completely and truthfully answer all questions on forms and in interviews. BAM, Item 105, p. 5.

All Programs

Clients who are able but refuse to provide necessary information or take a required action are subject to penalties. BAM, Item 105, p. 5.

All Programs

Clients must take actions within their ability to obtain verifications. DHS staff must assist when necessary. See BAM 130 and BEM 702. BAM, Item 105, p. 8.

Assisting the Client

All Programs

The local office must assist clients who ask for help in completing forms (including the DCH-0733-D) or gathering verifications. Particular sensitivity must be shown to clients who are illiterate, disabled or **not** fluent in English. BAM, Item 105, p. 9.

Verification is usually required at application/redetermination **and** for a reported change affecting eligibility or benefit level. BAM, Item 130, p. 1.

Obtaining Verification

All Programs

Tell the client what verification is required, how to obtain it, and the due date (see "**Timeliness Standards**" in this item). Use the DHS-3503, Verification Checklist, or for MA redeterminations, the DHS-1175, MA Determination Notice, to request verification. BAM, Item 130, p. 2.

The client must obtain required verification, but you must assist if they need and request help. BAM, Item 130, p. 2.

Timeliness Standards

All Programs (except TMAP)

Allow the client 10 calendar days (**or** other time limit specified in policy) to provide the verification you request. If the client cannot provide the verification despite a

reasonable effort, extend the time limit at least once. BAM, Item 130, p. 4.

Send a negative action notice when:

- . the client indicates refusal to provide a verification, **or**
- . the time period given has elapsed and the client has not made a reasonable effort to provide it. BAM, Item 130, p. 4.

In this case, the claimant is disputing the closure of his AMP case for failure to submit the required verifications and completed redetermination form.

Claimants are required to comply with the local office to allow the department to determine initial or ongoing eligibility. BAM 105. The department informs the client what verification is required, how to obtain it, and the due date by using the Verification Checklist form (DHS-3503). BAM 130. Clients are provided ten days to return the verifications, but can request an extension of time to provide the verifications. BAM 130. If the time period to provide the verifications elapses and the verifications have not been provided, the department is directed to send a negative action notice. BAM 130.

The claimant admits that he received the Verification Checklist (DHS-3503). He acknowledges that he did not submit any of the requested verification documents. Verification of the value of bank accounts owned by clients is needed to determine AMP eligibility. BEM 400.

The claimant is required to comply with the department in providing the verification materials necessary to allow the department to determine initial or ongoing eligibility. BAM 105. In this case, the claimant failed to return a completed Redetermination form and failed to submit verification of his assets. Furthermore, Claimant did not report his assets on the redetermination form. Department policy indicates that a complete redetermination is necessary at least every 12 months. BAM 210. In this case, the department did not receive any of the needed redetermination materials and the claimant failed to provide any verifications needed to determine his continued AMP eligibility. Department policy indicates that failure to provide proof eligibility will result in penalties. BAM 105, 130. In this case, the department could not determine the claimant's continued eligibility for the AMP program and closed the claimant's AMP case properly.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the department properly terminated the claimant's AMP benefits because the claimant failed to submit the information or verification needed to determine his continued eligibility for AMP benefits.

Accordingly, the department's actions are UPHELD.

SO ORDERED.

/s/
Kandra Robbins
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: November 18, 2010

Date Mailed: November 19, 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 60 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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