

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.: 201049782  
Issue No.: 2012  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: November 22, 2010  
Oakland County DHS (2)

**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 November 22, 2010. The claimant appeared and testified. The claimant was represented by his authorized representative (AR)

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**ISSUE**

Whether the Department was correct in processing the claimant's Medical Assistance (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 23, 2010, the Claimant filed an application for MA and retroactive MA.
2. On July 9, 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 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 did not process the claimant's MA application in a timely manner.

**FIP, SDA, RAP, CDC, MA and AMP Only**

Certify program approval or denial of the application within 45 days. Bridges automatically generates the client notice and if applicable, the CDC provider notice. (BAM 115, p. 11)

The department's delay in processing caused the claimant to not receive benefits from the time of the application being filed.

The undersigned finds the claimant's representatives testimony to be credible. The claimant's AR testified that the department was requesting the claimant's spouse's RSDI income but she did not have such income. The department failed to supply a witness or participant at the hearing.

**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 23, 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: 12/21/2010

Date Mailed: 12/21/2010

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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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