#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg No. Issue No. Case No. Load No.

Hearing Date: July 20, 2010

Delta County DHS

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Landis Y. Lain

#### **HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon the c laimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on July 20, 2010. The claimant appeared and testified.

## <u>ISSUE</u>

Did the department of Humans Services (the department) properly deny claimant's application for the Adult Medical Program (AMP)?

# FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- On May 28, 2009, claimant applied for Medical Assistance benefits.
- A budget was completed using claimant's income and assets.
- (3) In May the department determined that claimant had \$ per month from which put him over the limit for the Adult Medical Program.
- (4) For the month of June, the departm ent determined that claimant was receiving unemployment compensation benefits which also put him over the limit for the Adult Medical Program.
- (5) On June 22, 2009, the department casewo rker sent claimant notice that his application was denied due to excess income.

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(6) On September 22, 2009, claim ant filed a request for a hearing to contest the department's negative action.

# **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 administeered by the Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) pursuant to MCL 400.10 et seq. Department policies are contained in the Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility M anual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

Based upon claimant's age and the fact that he has no minor children in the home and he is not c onsidered disabled, the Adult Medica I Program (AMP) is the only form of Medical Assistance (MA) available through the department of Human Services. Even if the enrollment period were ope n, claimant was receiving unemployment compensation benefits and exceeded the level for the program. Program Reference Manual, RFT, Item 236, i ndicates that a person in claimant 's circumstances has an income limit of per month for purposes of AMP eligib ility. The Adult Medic al Program (department exhibits 1-6) indicates that cl aimant was receiving \$ per month in unemployment compensation benefits. Claimant was paying \$ | in child support which reduced his inc ome to \$ in net income. The AMP income limit is \$ therefore, claimant had exc ess income for purposes of the A dult Medic al Progra m eligibility because he had a monthly net income in t he amount of \$ (department exhibit 6).

### DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusion sof law, decides that the department has established by the necessary competent, material and substantial evidence on the record that it was acting in compliance with department policy when it denied claimant's continued application for the Adult Medical Program because claimant had excess income for purpos es of the Adult Medical Program.

Accordingly, the department's decision is AFFIRMED.

<u>/s/</u>

Landis Y. Lain Administrative Law Judge For Ismael Ahmed, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 23, 2010

Date Mailed: July 26, 2010

<u>NOTICE:</u> 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 Hear ings 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 mailing of the Decision and Order or, if a ti mely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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