

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

██████████
Claimant

Reg. No.: 2010-11956
Issue No.: 2001
Case No.: ██████████
Load No.: ██████████
Hearing Date:
April 29, 2010
Macomb County DHS

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 April 29, 2010. The Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny the claimant's Medical Assistance (MA)?

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 September 14, 2009, the claimant applied for Medical Assistance.
2. The claimant had no minor children, did not qualify based on age, and was not claiming disability.

3. On October 2, 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 denied the claimant's MA application for lack of qualification.

Clients clearly not eligible for any other medical assistance programs do not have to apply for them.

- There are MA categories for clients who are:
- Age 65 or older, blind, or disabled.
- Pregnant or recently pregnant.
- Caretaker relatives of dependent children.
- Under age 21. (PEM 640, p.1).

This ALJ sympathizes with the claimant's need for health coverage but is unable to find in her favor under the available programs.

The department could not have the claimant enter the Adult Medical Program (AMP) that is designed to cover adults who do not qualify under the above criteria because AMP was closed to new admissions at the time.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, AFFIRMS the Department's decision in the instant case.



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

Date Signed: 06/11/2010

Date Mailed: 06/11/2010

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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