

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. No.: 201039973  
Issue No.: 2026; 3000  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: July 29, 2010  
Macomb County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Aaron McClintic

**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 July 29, 2010. The Claimant appeared and testified. [REDACTED], ES appeared on behalf of the Department.

**ISSUE**

Was the Department correct in determining Claimant's Medical Assistance benefits?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

- (1) Claimant was an ongoing recipient of FAP and MA benefits.
- (2) On April 1, a Medicaid deductible of \$1046 was determined for the household.
- (3) Claimant receives \$1107 unearned income from social security benefits.
- (4) Claimant requested a hearing on June 7, 2010 contesting the determination of MA benefits
- (5) Claimant testified at hearing that he is satisfied with the Department's actions with regard to Food Assistance.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Food Assistance Program, formerly known as the Food Stamp ("FS") program, is established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, and is implemented by the


federal regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (“CFR”). The Department of Human Services (“DHS”), formally known as the Family Independence Agency, administers the FAP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq* and MAC R 400.3001-3015. Departmental policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (“BAM”), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (“BEM”), and the Program Reference Manual (“PRM”).

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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

In the present case, Claimant is contesting the deductible amount for his MA benefits. The Department determined that Claimant had net income of \$1087 which exceeds the monthly protected income level for a 1 person household of \$408 by \$679 per month. Claimant was consequently ineligible to receive Medical assistance. However under the deductible program, if the Claimant incurs medical expenses in excess of \$679 during the month he may then be eligible for Medical Assistance. This ALJ finds that the Department has acted in accordance with Department policy and law in denying ongoing Medical assistance and determining his deductible amount.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law decides that the Department was correct in the determination of MA deductible amount, and it is ORDERED that the Department’s decision is hereby AFFIRMED. Claimant’s request for hearing as it relates to FAP is DISMISSED.

/s/   
Aaron McClintic  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 3, 2010

Date Mailed: August 3, 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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