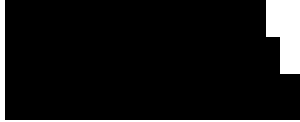


STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF:



Reg. No.: 20109013
Issue No.: 2026
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: July 26, 2010
Macomb County DHS (20)

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 July 26, 2010. The claimant appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly figure his/her Medical Assistance (MA) deductible?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. In July, 2009, the department redetermined the claimant's MA and notified the claimant that her MA benefits would continue but with a monthly deductible of \$192.00 per month.
2. On October 12, 2009, the Claimant 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 the instant case, the Claimant questions the Department's calculation of his/her MA.

EXHIBIT I - LIF GROUP COMPOSITION

LIF Only

A **group** is those related persons living together whose income and needs are used to determine LIF eligibility.

This exhibit explains when persons:

- Must be included in the group, and
- May choose to be included in the group, and
- Must be excluded from the group. (PEM 110, p. 3)

Here, the claimant stated during the hearing that there were 4 members of this MA group. The department used a count of 2 individuals in the FIP related MA group, as shown on the bridges net income exhibit.

This ALJ finds that the department failed to include the claimant's children in her group and rather than a group size of two it is a group of four (4).

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, **REVERSES AND ORDERS** the department to recalculate the claimant's deductible and include her children.



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

Date Signed: 8/3/2010

Date Mailed: 8/3/2010

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

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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 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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