

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No: 201118672
Issue No: 2001
Case No: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:
May 24, 2011
Ingham County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Kevin Scully

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge by authority of MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37. Claimant's request for a hearing was received on February 3, 2011. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011.

ISSUE

Whether the Department of Human Services (Department) properly determined the Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. The Claimant applied for Medical Assistance (MA) under the Adult Medical Program (AMP) on November 29, 2010.
2. The Claimant reported to the Department that she works 18 hours at \$7.50 per hours biweekly, and at another job works 26 hours at \$7.60 weekly.
3. On January 5, 2011, the Department notified the Claimant that it would terminate her AMP benefits due to excess income.
4. The Department received the Claimant's request for a hearing on February 3, 2011, protesting the termination of her MA benefits.

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 (DHS or Department) 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), Reference Table Manual (RFT), and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

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 administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS or department) pursuant to MCL 400.10, et seq. Department policies are contained in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

All earned and unearned income available to the Claimant is countable. Earned income means income received from another person or organization or from self-employment for duties for duties that were performed for compensation or profit. Unearned income means all income that is not earned, including but not limited to funds received from the Family Independence Program (FIP), State Disability Assistance (SDA), Child Development and Care (CDC), Medicaid (MA), Social Security Benefits (RSDI/SSI), Veterans Administration (VA), Unemployment Compensation Benefits (UCB), Adult Medical Program (AMA), alimony, and child support payments. The amount counted may be more than the client actually receives because the gross amount is used prior to any deductions. BEM 500.

All income is converted to a standard monthly amount. If the client is paid weekly, the Department multiplies the average weekly amount by 4.3. If the client is paid every other week, the Department multiplies the average bi-weekly amount by 2.15. BEM 505.

In this case, the Department received the Claimant's application to the Adult Medical Program (AMP) on November 29, 2010. The Claimant reported to the Department on her application that she works 18 hours at \$7.50 per hour biweekly, and at another job works 26 hours at \$7.60 weekly. This income can be transformed into a prospective monthly income by multiplying the biweekly gross income by the conversion factor of 2.15, and the weekly gross income by 4.3. This Administrative Law Judge finds that the Claimant reported on her application for assistance that she expects to receive a gross monthly income of \$1,139.93. The income limit to receive benefits under the Adult Medical Program (AMP) is \$316. Therefore, the Claimant is not eligible to receive Adult Medical Program (AMP) benefits.

Based on the evidence and testimony available during the hearing, the Department has established that it acted in accordance with policy when it terminated the Claimant's MA benefits due to excess income.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Department acted in accordance with policy in determining the Claimant's MA eligibility.

The Department's MA eligibility determination is AFFIRMED. It is SO ORDERED.

/s/ _____
Kevin Scully
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: May 25, 2011

Date Mailed: May 26, 2011

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 60 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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