#### STATE OF MICHIGAN MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

| IN THE MATTER OF: | Reg | No: 2011-20407 |
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|                   |     | Issue No: 2000 |
|                   |     | Case No:       |
|                   |     | Hearing Date:  |
|                   |     | June 15, 2011  |
| Oakland           |     | County DHS-02  |

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 claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice , an in person hearing was held on June 15, 2011. The Claimant and Claimant's Representative IMN through were present at the hearing. Ms. AP Supervisor appeared on behalf of the Department.

## <u>ISSUE</u>

Was the Department correct in denying Claimant's Medical Assistance application?

# FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- (1) Claimant applied for MA benefits with retroactive coverage in February 2010.
- (2) The Depar tment denied the Claimant's MA because she fa iled to appear for a scheduled medical appointment.
- (3) Claimant requested a hearing on Januar y 11, 2011 contesting the denial of MA benefits.

(4) The parties reached an agreement whereby the Department agreed to reinstate and reprocess Claimant's MA application back to the date of application.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is es tablished by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of F ederal Regulations (CFR). The Depart ment of Human Serv ices (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, et seq., and MCL 400.105. Department po licies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manua I (BAM), the Br idges Elig ibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM). The Medical As sistance (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 po licies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manua I (BAM), the Br idges Elig ibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

Under Bridges Adm inistrative Manual Item 600, client s have the right to contest any agency decision affecting el igibility or benefit lev els whenever they believ e the decision is illega I. The agency provides an Administrative Hearing to review the decision and determine if it is appropriate. Agency policy includes procedures to meet the minimal requirements for a fair hearing. Ef forts to clarify and resolve the client's concerns start when t he agency receives a hearing request and continues through the day of the hearing.

In the present case, the parties reached an agreement whereby the Department agreed to reinstate and reprocess Claimant's MA application back to the date of application. Since the Claimant and the Department have come to an agreement it is unnecessary for this Administrative Law Judge to make a decision regarding the facts and issues in this case.

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding Claimant's request for a hearing. Therefore it is ORDERED that the Department reinstate and reprocess Claimant's MA application back to the date of application.

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**McClintic** Law Judge Maura Corrigan, Director of Human Services

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Date Signed: June 22, 2011

Date Mailed: June 22, 2011

**NOTICE**: Administrative Hearings may or der a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a party wit hin 30 days of the mailing date of this Decision and Order. Admi nistrative 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 Decisi on and Order or, if a time ly request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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