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

IN THE MATTER OF:



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 8, 2011. The Claimant's Representative through through was present at the hear ing. appeared on behalf of the Department.

ISSUE

Was the Department correct i n proce ssing Claimant's Medic al Ass istance 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 applied for MA benefits with retroactive coverage in March 2010.
- (2) The Department did not process a hospital bill from December 2009.
- (3) Claimant requested a hearing in November 17, 2010 contesting the processing of MA benefits.
- (4) The partied reached an agreement whereby the Department agreed to reprocess Claimant's MA case back to December 2009 inc luding submitting a 1038 Billing Exception.

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 polic ies 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 40 0.10, et seq., and MCL 400.105. Department polic ies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manua I (BAM), the Br idges Elig ibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

Under Bridges Administrative 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 illegal. 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 reac hed an agreement wher eby the Department agreed to reprocess Claimant 's MA case back to December 2009 including submitting a 1038 Billing Exception. Since the Claimant and the Department have come to an agreement it is unnecessary for this Administrative La w 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 Claim ant's request for a hearing. Therefore it is ORDERED that the Department reprocess Claimant's MA case b ack to Dec ember 2009 including submitting a 1038 Billing Exception.

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Aaron Administrative for Department McClintic Law Judge Maura Corrigan, Director of Human Services

Date Signed: June 20. 2011

Date Mailed: June 20, 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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