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

IN THE MATTER OF:

Reg. No.: Issue No.: Case No.: Hearing Date: DHS County: 2011-21904 2000

March 28, 2011 Wayne (19)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

AMENDED HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; MSA 16.409 and MCL 400.37; M SA 16.437 upon the Claimant's r equest for a hearing. After due notice, an in person hearing was held on March 28, 2011. The claimant was represented by his Authorized Representative (AR)

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did the Department of Human Services (Department) pr operly process the claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) and retroactive MA applications?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. On July 21, 2009, the claimant filed an application for MA and retroactive MA.
- 2. On December 1, 2010, the claimant's AR filed a request for a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is estab lished by Title XIX of the Social Sec urity Act and is implemented by T itle 42 of the C ode 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 MC L 400.105. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

STANDARDS OF PROMPTNESS

All Programs

The standard of promptness (SOP) begins the date the department receives an application/filing form, with minimum required information.

Exception #1: For **FAP**, the SOP begins when the **correct** local office receives it; see **BAM 1 10**, WHERE TO APPLY/PROCESS APPLICATIONS, FAP ONLY.

Exception #2: For **FAP**, when a person applies for SSI and FAP befor e being released from a medical institution, the SOP begins on the applicant's date of release.

See BAM 105, for the minimu m required information for filing.

Process applic ations and requests for member adds as quickly as possible, with priority y to the earliest application date; see Processing Delays in this item. Requests for member adds must be entered in Bridges.

FIP, SDA, RAP, CDC, MA and AMP Only

Certify program approval or de nial of the application within 45 days. Bridges automatically generates the client notice and if applicable, the CDC provider notice.

Exceptions:

15 days for all pregnant Medicaid applicants.
30 days for Refugee Assistance Program (RAP) applicants.
60 days for SDA applicants.
90 days for MA categories in whic h disability is an eligibility factor. (BAM 115, p. 11).

The law pr ovides that disposition may be made of a contest ed case by s tipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24. 278(2). In the instant case, the parties reached an accord. The Department agreed to reregister the cl aimant's July 21, 2009, MA and retroactive MA applications.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the Department and claima nt have come to an agreement and ORDER S the Department to reregister the claimant's July 21, 2009, MA and retroactive MA applications.

Michael J. Bennane Administrative Law Judge for Maura Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: November 8, 2011

Date Mailed: November 8, 2011

NOTICE: Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a par ty within 30 days of the mailing date of this Dec ision and Order . MAHS will not or der a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's mo tion where the final decis ion cannot be implemented within 90 days of the filing of the original request. (60 days for FAP cases)

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 ti mely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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