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

IN THE MATTER OF:

Reg. No: 201122275 Issue No: 2012 Case No: Hearing Date: June 22, 2011 Wayne County DHS (15)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Robert J. Chavez

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, a hearing was held on June 22, 2011.

ISSUE

Did the Department process claimant's MA application?

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 on July 3, 2008.
- (2) This application was delivered to the Department and marked as received.
- (3) The application in question was never processed.
- On October 16, 2009, claimant requested a hearing regarding the failure to process the application in question.

- (5) Claimant was represented at hearing by
- (6) A hearing was held on June 22, 2011 at the Wayne County Department of Human Services office, District 15.

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) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM) and Reference Tables (RFT).

Claimant applied for Medicaid on July 3, 2008. Claimant verified this application by submitting into evidence as Claimant Exhibit 1 and 2, a copy of the original application, and a confirmation that shows that it was received by the Department on July 3, 2008. The Department confirmed that this application was never processed. Claimants have the right to have all applications processed. BAM 105, 115. This application was never processed, and the Department was unable to rebut claimant's supplied evidence. Therefore, the Department must process the application.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Department was incorrect when it failed to process claimant's July 3, 2008 MA application.

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Accordingly, the Department's decision in the above stated matter is, hereby, REVERSED.

The Department is ORDERED to process the application in question.

Robert J. Chavez Administrative Law Judge for Maura Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: <u>07/06/11</u>

Date Mailed: <u>07/07/11</u>

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 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.

RJC/dj

