

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2011-24083  
Issue No. 2026  
Case No. [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: April 20, 2011  
Macomb County (20)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Michael J. Bennane

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; MSA 16.409 and MCL 400.37; MSA 16.437 upon the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice a telephone hearing was held on April 20, 2011. The Claimant appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services (Department) properly figure Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) deductible?

**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 December 14, 2010, the Department began a redetermination of the Claimant's MA.
2. On March 1, 2011, the Claimant filed a request for a hearing protesting the deductible amount for Claimant's MA.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The 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 (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) 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 Program Reference Manual (PRM).

In the instant case, the Claimant questions the Department's calculation of Claimant's MA.

The undersigned has reviewed the MA budget and found it to be correct. The protected income limit is \$541 per month for a group of two in Macomb County. The Claimant's countable income is \$702 per month. This equals the \$161 deductible. RFT 240.

This Administrative Law Judge sympathizes with the Claimant but there is nothing that can be done to change the above equation.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, AFFIRMS the Department's actions in the instant case.



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

Date Signed: June 17, 2011

Date Mailed: June 17, 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 90 days of the filing of the original request.

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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.

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