

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201125442
Issue No.: 2027
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: April 28, 2011
Wayne County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Aaron McClintic

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge upon pursuant to MCL 400. 9; MCL 400.37 upon Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on April 28, 2011. The Claimant appeared and testified. [REDACTED] ES appeared on behalf of the Department.

ISSUE

Was the Department correct in closing Claimant's MA case?

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 was an ongoing recipient of MA benefits.
- (2) Claimant's SSI case closed effective [REDACTED].
- (3) Claimant's MA case closed after the Department discovered that Claimant's SSI case closed.
- (4) Claimant requested a hearing on [REDACTED] contesting the closure of her Medicaid case.

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 (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). The Medical Assistance program was designed to assist needy persons with medical expenses.

SSI TERMINATIONS When SSI benefits stop, central office evaluates the reason based on SSA's negative action code, then does one of the following: • **SSI Closure.** MA-SSI is closed in Bridges **if** SSI stopped for a reason that prevents continued MA eligibility (e.g., death, moved out of state). Bridges sends the recipient an DHS-1605. • **Transfer to SSIT.** SSI cases **not** closed due to the policy above are transferred to the SSI Termination (SSIT) Type of Assistance. A redetermination date is set for the second month after transfer to allow for an ex parte review (See glossary). (BEM 150).

In the present case, Claimant's SSI case closed effective February 1, 2011. Claimant acknowledged this at hearing, and the Department provided an SOLQ report confirming the closure. Department policy is clear that SSI-related Medicaid closes if the Claimant is not eligible under any other Medicaid program. (BEM 150). Claimant is not currently eligible for any other Medicaid program, therefore the closure of SSI-related Medicaid was proper and correct.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the Department correctly closed Claimant's MA benefits, and it is ORDERED that the Department's decision in this regard be and is hereby AFFIRMED.



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

Date Signed: May 19, 2011

Date Mailed: May 19, 2011

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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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