

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 2011-30155
Issue No.: 2005
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: June 9, 2011
DHS County: Wayne (17)

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 in Detroit, Michigan on June 9, 2011. The Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services (Department) properly close the claimant's Refugee Medical Assistance (RAPM) and the Refugee Assistance Program (RAP)?

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 May 19, 2010, the claimant entered the United States.
2. On October 8, 2010, the claimant applied for RAP and RAPM.
3. On January 1, 2011, the Department closed the claimant's RAP and RAPM.
4. On April 4, 2011, the claimant filed a request for a hearing.

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 (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 Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

In the instant case, the Department closed the claimant's RAP and MRAP eight months after she entered the United States.

RAP ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

RAPC and/or RAPM is available **only** during the eight months immediately following the refugee's date of entry into the U.S. or date asylum is granted. Month one is the month containing date of entry or date of adjustment to refugee status. (BEM 630, p. 1.)

In the instant case, the claimant thought the policy allowed her to be covered for eight months. In fact the policy allows for coverage for eight months after the refugee enters the United States.

DECISION AND ORDER

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



Michael
Administrative
for
Department

J. Bennane
Law Judge
Maura Corrigan, Director
of Human Services

Date Signed: August 1, 2011
Date Mailed: August 1, 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.

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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