

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg No. 2011 35739
Issue No. 2006
Case No. [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: July 7, 2011
District: Macomb County DHS (20)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lynn M. Ferris

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon the claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held in Detroit, Michigan on July 7, 2011. The Claimant appeared and testified. Chieaka Warren, Eligibility Specialist appeared on behalf of the Department.

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly denied the Claimant's application for Medical Assistance-P benefits for failure to return the Verification Checklist.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. The Claimant filed an application for Medical Assistance – P (disability) on February 26, 2011.
2. The application was not processed by the Department.
3. The Department, after checking its Bridges System, determined that the application should be reinstated retroactive to the date of application and reprocessed for submission to the Medical Review Team.

4. The Department agreed to reinstate the 2/26/11 application and process the application. The Department also agreed to send out a verification checklist for information it requires in order to submit the application to the MRT for review and provide a MRT packet to the Claimant.
5. Based on the foregoing agreements and understanding, the Claimant indicated that he no longer wished to proceed with the hearing and the parties agreed to settle the matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the 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).

Under Bridges Administrative Manual Item 600, clients have the right to contest any agency decision affecting eligibility or benefit levels whenever they believe the decision is illegal. The agency provides an Administrative Hearing to review the decision and determine if it is appropriate. Agency policy includes procedures to meet the minimal requirements for a fair hearing. Efforts to clarify and resolve the client's concerns start when the agency receives a hearing request and continues through the day of the hearing.

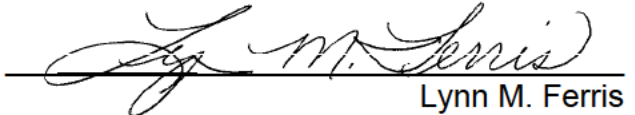
In the present case, the Department has agreed to reopen and reprocess the Claimant's February 26, 2011 application for Medicaid disability and send out a verification checklist and MRT packet to the Claimant. As a result of this agreement, Claimant indicated he no longer wished to proceed with the hearing. Since the Claimant and the Department have come to an agreement, it is unnecessary for this Administrative Law Judge to make a decision regarding the facts and issues in this case.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding claimant's request for a hearing.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

1. The Department shall reopen and reprocess the Claimant's February 26, 2010 MA- P application.
2. The Department shall send a verification checklist to the Claimant requesting additional information necessary to send the application to the MRT for review and shall provide a MRT packet to the Claimant to complete.


Lynn M. Ferris
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 07/08/11

Date Mailed: 07/08/11

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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