

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2011-38719  
Issue No.: 2000  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: September 28, 2011  
Wayne County DHS (76)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Colleen M. Mamelka

**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 hearing was held in Detroit, Michigan on Wednesday, September 28, 2011. The Claimant did not appear, however; the Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative ("AHR"), [REDACTED] appeared and testified. [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department of Human Services ("Department"). [REDACTED] observed the proceedings.

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly processed the Claimant's April 22, 2010 Medical Assistance ("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. The Claimant/AHR submitted an application seeking MA benefits retroactive to March 2010 on April 22, 2010. (Exhibit 1)
2. The Claimant had (and continues to have) a minor child in the home.
3. The Department activated MA coverage under the Plan First Program as opposed to the MA-N program.
4. On October 5, 2010, the Department received the Claimant's timely written request for hearing.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Medical Assistance program is established by Subchapter XIX of Chapter 7 of The Public Health & Welfare Act, 42 USC 1397, and is administered by the Department of Human Services, formerly known as the Family Independence Agency, 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 ("RFT").

The law provides that disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24.278(2).

In this case, the Department agreed that the Claimant is entitled to MA-N coverage based on having a minor child in the home for March 2010. The Department has attempted to activate coverage to no avail. Both parties agreed that MA-N benefits should be activated for March 2010. In light of the accord, there is no other issue that needs to be addressed.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds the Department's actions are not upheld.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

1. The Department's actions are not upheld.
2. The Department shall activate MA-N coverage effective March 2010 provided all other non-medical criteria are met and inform the Claimant and her AHR of the determination in accordance with Department policy.
3. The Department shall supplement for any lost benefits (if any) that the Claimant was entitled to receive if otherwise eligible and qualified in accordance with Department policy.

*Colleen M. Mamelka*

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**Colleen M. Mamelka**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: September 30, 2011

Date Mailed: September 30, 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.

Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

- A rehearing **MAY** be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
- A reconsideration **MAY** be granted for any of the following reasons:
  - misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision,
  - typographical errors, mathematical error, or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that effect the substantial rights of the claimant:
  - the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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