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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg No. 2011-43206

Issue No. 2000 Case No.

Hearing Date: November 17, 2011

Ingham County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Vicki L. Armstrong

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on November 17, 2011. Claimant's authorized representative personally appeared and testified on his behalf.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did the department and Claimant's authorized representative fully resolve the disputed issue by binding settlement offer and agreement?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. On September 22, 2010, Claimant's authorized representative filed an MA application on Claimant's behalf.
- When the department denied that application, Claimant's authorized representative filed a hearing request dated June 21, 2011.
- 3. The department's representative stipulated the hearing request was timely and Claimant met the residency requirements.
- 4, Claimant's hearing was held on November 17, 2011.
- At the hearing, the department's witness stipulated to the department's failure to process Claimant's application in accordance with policy.
- The department's witness offered to settle this dispute on the record by mailing Claimant's representative a Verification Checklist,

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and on receipt of the requested documents, reinstate Claimant's September 22, 2010, MA application and process it through proper channels (i.e., submission to the Medical Review Team for review).

7. Claimant's authorized representative accepted the department's offer of settlement and acknowledged such processing would fully resolve the negative action taken in this case (MA application denial).

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 (DHS or department) 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 Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The law, MCL 24.278(2); MSA 3.560(178)(2), provides that disposition may be made of a contested case hearing by stipulation or agreed settlement on the record. Both parties agreed to the settlement terms set forth above.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides Claimant's authorized representative and the department entered into a valid, binding settlement agreement on the record at hearing.

Accordingly, this case is returned to the local office for implementation of the settlement terms.

It is SO ORDERED.

Vicki L. Armstrong
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: _11/22/11___

Date Mailed: _11/22/11___

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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt 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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