

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 2011-43598  
Issue No.: 2012  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: September 22, 2011  
DHS County: Wayne (43)

**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; M SA 16.437 upon the claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held from Detroit, Michigan on September 22, 2011. The claimant appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services (Department) properly process the claimant's Medical Assistance (MA)?

**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 November 15, 2010, the claimant filed an application for MA.
2. On June 27, 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 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 Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

Process applications and requests for member adds as quickly as possible, with priority to the earliest application

date; see [Processing Delays](#) in this item. Requests for member adds must be entered in Bridges.

**FIP, SDA, RAP, CDC, MA and AMP Only**

Certify program approval or denial of the application within 45 days. Bridges automatically generates the client notice and if applicable, the CDC provider notice. (BAM 11 5, p. 11).

In the instant case, the Department had not processed the claimant's applications at the time of the hearing request or the hearing itself. The Department states that since the claimant was already receiving benefits through another Department office she was not allowed to apply for MA benefits at the different office. This Administrative Law Judge finds that the Department did not process the applications in question in a timely manner.


**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, REVERSES AND ORDERS the Department to reregister and process the claimant's November 15, 2010, MA application.

Michael  
Administrative  
for  
Department

Date Signed: September 30, 2011

Date Mailed: September 30, 2011

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

**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.

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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