

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2011-4711
Issue No.: 2000
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: January 19, 2011
DHS County: Macomb (50-20)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jan Leventer

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 400.9 and 400.37, and Claimant [REDACTED] request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on January 19, 2011. Claimant did not appear. [REDACTED], Authorized Representative, [REDACTED], appeared and testified on behalf of Claimant. [REDACTED], appeared and testified on behalf of the Department of Human Services (DHS).

ISSUE

Whether DHS properly processed Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA or Medicaid) and retroactive MA benefits applications?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On January 25, 2010, Claimant applied for MA and retroactive MA benefits with DHS.
2. Effective January 25, 2010, the U.S. Social Security Administration awarded Claimant Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. Her SSI onset date is also January 25, 2010.
3. On February 11, 2010, DHS denied Claimant's applications for the reason that she was not eligible for MA and retroactive MA benefits.
4. On September 23, 2010, Claimant filed a hearing request with DHS.

5. At the hearing on January 19, 2011, DHS agreed to reopen and reprocess Claimant's January 25, 2010, MA and retroactive MA applications effective January 25, 2010.
6. As a result of DHS' agreement to reopen and reprocess Claimant's January 25, 2010, applications, Claimant's Authorized Representative indicated at the hearing that he no longer wished to continue the administrative hearing process.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

MA was established by Title XIX of the U.S. Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations. DHS administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 *et seq.* and MCL 400.105. DHS' policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables (RFT). These manuals are available online at www.michigan.gov/dhs-manuals.

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

At the hearing, the parties agreed to settle and resolve the situation with the remedy that DHS will reopen and reprocess Claimant's January 25, 2010, MA and retroactive MA benefits applications. As the parties have agreed to settle their differences, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to adjudicate any issues presented.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that DHS shall reopen and reprocess Claimant's January 25, 2010, MA and retroactive MA benefits applications, and that Claimant's applications will bear the effective date of January 25, 2010. This will be accomplished pursuant to the stipulated agreement of the parties and in accordance with DHS policies and procedures.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law and the stipulated agreement of the parties, states IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that DHS shall reopen and reprocess Claimant's January 25, 2010, MA and retroactive MA benefits applications and accept updated medical information from Claimant as a part of

2011-4711/JL

that process. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the effective date of the applications shall be January 25, 2010, per the agreement of the parties. DHS shall conduct these actions as appropriate in accordance with DHS policies and procedures.



Jan Leventer
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: February 1, 2011

Date Mailed: February 2, 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.

JL/pf

cc:

