

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 20116564
Issue No.: 2000
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: January 31, 2011
Wayne County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

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 on January 31, 2011. The claimant appeared and testified. The Department of Human Services (Department) was represented by ES, [REDACTED]

ISSUE

Did the Department correctly determine Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1.) Claimant was an ongoing MA recipient.
2.) Claimant received \$1,110.00 in Social Security benefits.

3.) The Department determined that Claimant had a spend down.
4.) Claimant had submitted medical bills sometime in October of 2010.
5.) Claimant requested a hearing on October 29, 2010, contesting the spend down.
6.) At the hearing, the Department agreed to re-process Claimant's MA coverage effective November 1, 2010, and to include in the process Claimant's submitted medical bills. As a result of the agreement, Claimant indicated that he no longer wished to proceed with the hearing.

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 department provides an Administrative Hearing to review the decision and determine if it is appropriate. Department policy includes procedures to meet the minimal requirements for a fair hearing. Efforts to clarify and resolve the

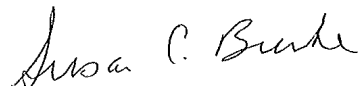
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client's concerns start when the department receives a hearing request and continues through the day of the hearing.

In the present case, the Department agreed to re-process Claimant's MA coverage effective November 1, 2010 and to include in the process Claimant's submitted medical bills. 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 above findings of fact and conclusions of law decides that the Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding Claimant's request for a hearing. Therefore, it is ORDERED that Department re-process Claimant's MA coverage effective November 1, 2010 and include in the process Claimant's submitted medical bills, in accordance with this settlement.



Susan C. Burke
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: February 9, 2011

Date Mailed: February 9, 2011

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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 60 days of the filing of the original request.

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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