

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.: 20118264
Issue No.: 2000
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: February 2, 2011
Wayne County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Aaron McClintic

AMENDED HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge upon pursuant to MCL 400. 9; MCL 400.37 upon Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on February 2, 2011. The Claimant appeared and testified. [REDACTED], FIM and [REDACTED], ES appeared on behalf of the Department.

ISSUE

Was the Department correct in closing Claimant's MA case for failing to cooperate with the Office of Child Support?

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 recipient of MA benefits.
- (2) Claimant's case was closed for failing to cooperate with the Office of Child Support.
- (3) Claimant requested a hearing on November 15, 2010, contesting the closure of her Medicaid case.

- (4) The parties reached an agreement whereby the Department agreed to reinstate Claimant's MA case back to the date of closure and that Claimant was cooperative with the Office of Child Support.

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 Program Reference Manual (PRM). The Medical Assistance program was designed to assist needy persons with medical expenses.

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 agency provides an Administrative Hearing to review the decision and determine if it is appropriate. Agency policy includes procedures to meet the minimal requirements for a fair hearing. Efforts to clarify and resolve the client's concerns start when the agency receives a hearing request and continues through the day of the hearing.

In the present case, the parties reached an agreement whereby the Department agreed to reinstate Claimant's MA case back to the date of closure. 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 Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding Claimant's request for a hearing. Therefore, it is ORDERED that the Department reinstate and reprocess Claimant's MA case back to the date of closure, in accordance with this settlement agreement. Any missed benefits shall be paid to Claimant in the form of a supplement. Claimant is cooperative with the Office of Child Support.



Aaron McClintic
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

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Date Signed: February 15, 2011

Date Mailed: February 15, 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.

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