

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.: 20119362
Issue No.: 2007
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: January 18, 2011
Wayne County DHS (55)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

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 18, 2011. The Claimant was represented by his Authorized Representative (AR) [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny the Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) and retroactive MA?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On April 29, 2010, the Claimant applied for MA.
2. On May 4, 2010, the department sent the claimant and his AR a verification checklist requesting various pieces of information.
3. On July 28, 2010, the department sent the claimant a notice that his applications had been denied.
4. On November 24, 2010, the claimant's AR filed a request for a 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).

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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).

It should be noted that the department was not in attendance at the hearing. The hearing was scheduled for 9:30 am and the department was called and emailed to begin the hearing with no response.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES

All Programs

An **authorized representative** (AR) is a person who applies for assistance on behalf of the client and/or otherwise acts on his behalf (PAM 110, p.7).

In the instant case, the Department failed to send the denial notice to the claimant's AR. Therefore, the Department effectively, sent no notice.

In addition, on June 29, 2010, the claimant's AR sent the department the medical records it was requesting and asked for assistance if the information supplied was inadequate. The department responded by denying the applications almost a month later on July 28, 2010.

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 the claimant's April 29, 2010, MA and retroactive applications.



Michael J. Bennane
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 2/16/2011

Date Mailed: 2/16/2011

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.

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