

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.: 20119414  
Issue No.: 2001  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: March 28, 2011  
Hearing Date: Macomb 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 March 28, 2011. Claimant appeared and testified. [REDACTED] Claimant's representative, also testified on behalf of Claimant. The Department was represented by [REDACTED]

**ISSUE**

Was the Department correct in denying Claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA), including the Adult Medical Program (AMP) ?

**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 applied for MA on November 3, 2010.
2. Claimant was not blind, disabled, pregnant, a caretaker, or a refugee, and she did not meet the age requirements for MA programs other than AMP, being twenty-six years of age.
3. Claimant had earned income of \$1,007.00 in the month of November, 2010.
4. The Department denied Claimant's application for AMP on November 10, 2010 due to excess income.

5. Claimant requested a hearing on the denial on November 15, 2010.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by Title XXI of the Social Security Act; (1115)(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, and is administered by the Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) pursuant to MCL 400.10 *et seq.* Department policies are contained in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM,) which includes the Reference Tables (RFT.)

For AMP, BEM 640 dictates that income eligibility is met when the net income does not exceed the AMP income limit. To calculate net income, \$200.00 is taken from gross earnings. In addition, a deduction of 20% is taken from the remaining gross earnings. RFT 236 shows the AMP monthly income limit for an individual to be \$316.00.

In addition to AMP, there are MA categories for clients who are:

- Age 65 or older, blind, or disabled.
- Pregnant or recently pregnant.
- Caretaker relatives of dependent children.
- Under age 21.
- Refugees.

BEM 640, p.1

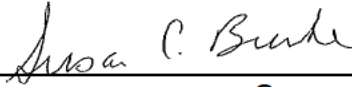
In the present case, Claimant earned \$1,007.00 in the month of November. Claimant's net income was \$645.60 after the above-described deductions. Claimant's net income of \$645.60 exceeds the income limit of \$316.00. The Department was therefore correct in its denial of Claimant's AMP application. Claimant and Claimant's witness, [REDACTED] testified that Claimant generally does not earn more than \$300.00 per month. Claimant may reapply for assistance, but at the time of Claimant's application, Department policy did not afford assistance to Claimant. Claimant did not otherwise qualify for medical assistance, as she was not determined to be disabled, blind, pregnant, a caretaker, or a refugee and did not meet the age qualifications.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law finds that the Department's decision to deny Claimant's MA/AMP application was

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correct and it is ORDERED that the Department's decision is therefore AFFIRMED.

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

Date Signed: April 18, 2011

Date Mailed: April 18, 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 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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