

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 20119609
Issue No.: 2001
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 30, 2011
Oakland 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 30, 2011. The Claimant appeared and testified. [REDACTED] also testified on behalf of Claimant. The Department was represented by [REDACTED] Assistance Payments Worker and [REDACTED] AP Supervisor.

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 Medical Assistance on November 12, 2010.
2. Claimant had unemployment income of \$1,448.00 per month.
3. Claimant is 47 years of age.
4. Claimant is not a caretaker relative, pregnant, blind, disabled, or a refugee.
5. The Department denied Claimant's application due to excess income.

6. Claimant requested a hearing on the denial on December 2, 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. BEM 640, p. 3. Certain deductions are taken for earnings and court-ordered support. BEM 640, p. 4. 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

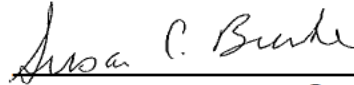
In the present case, Claimant's gross monthly income from unemployment was \$1,448.00. Claimant was not entitled to the above-described deductions afforded for earnings and court-ordered support. Claimant's net income was therefore \$1,448.00, and it exceeded the monthly income limit of \$316.00. The Department was therefore correct in its denial of Claimant's AMP application. Claimant emphasized that she is in dire need of medical assistance and Claimant read a letter from her doctor supporting her position. While I sympathize with Claimant, the Department policy does not afford assistance in this particular instance. It should be noted that Claimant did not qualify in age, disability, blindness, refugee, pregnancy or caretaker factors for other medical assistance programs.

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.



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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