

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF:

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Reg. No.: 2011155206  
Issue No.: 2009; 1031  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: April 14, 2011  
Wayne County DHS- 12

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: [REDACTED]

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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, an in hearing was held on April 14, 2011. The Claimant and Claimant's Authorized Representative [REDACTED] through [REDACTED] appeared and testified. [REDACTED], Medical Contact Worker, appeared on behalf of the Department.

**ISSUE**

Was the Department correct in denying Claimant's MA application?

**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 benefits on August 23, 2010.
- (2) Claimant's application was denied in September 2010.
- (3) Claimant requested a hearing on December 14, 2010 contesting the denial of her Medicaid application.
- (4) The parties reached an agreement whereby the Department agreed to activate coverage back to August 2010.
- (5) Claimant received a fully favorable decision from the Social Security Administration with a January 2009 onset date.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

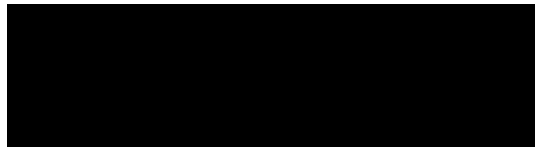
The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et 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 activate MA coverage going back to August 2010. 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 activate Claimant's MA case back to August 2010.



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

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Date Signed: 5/20/11

Date Mailed: **5/20/11**

**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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