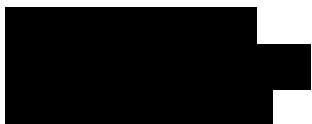


STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 201116183
Issue No.: 2021
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 31, 2011
Wayne County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Aaron McClintic

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 31, 2011. The Claimant appeared at the hearing and testified. [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department.

ISSUE

Was the Department correct in denying Claimant's Medical Assistance and Adult Medical Program applications due to excess assets?

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 November 30, 2010.
- (2) On December 22, 2010, the Department denied Claimant's MA application due to excess assets.
- (3) Claimant had bank account with a balance \$3,231 at the time of application.
- (4) Claimant requested a hearing on December 29, 2010 contesting the denial of MA benefits.

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 (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 (DHS or department) 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).

MA ASSET ELIGIBILITY LIF, G2U, G2C, AMP and SSI-Related MA Only
Asset eligibility is required for LIF, G2U, G2C, AMP and SSI-related MA categories.

Note: Do **not** deny or terminate TMA-Plus, Healthy Kids or Group 2 Pregnant Women because of a refusal to provide asset information or asset verification requested for purposes of determining LIF, G2U, G2C or SSI-related MA eligibility. Use the special asset rules in [BEM 402](#) for certain married L/H and waiver patients. See BPG Glossary, for the definition of L/H patient and [BEM 106](#) for the definition of waiver patient. Asset eligibility exists when the asset group's countable assets are less than, or equal to, the applicable asset limit at least one day during the month being tested. BEM 400

In the present case, Claimant conceded at hearing that he had \$3,231 in his bank account at the time of application. The asset limit for the Medicaid program is \$2,000. The asset limit for the Adult Medical Program is \$3,000. BEM 400. Therefore Claimant has excess assets for the Medicaid and the Adult Medical programs. BEM 400. This ALJ finds that the Department has acted in accordance with Department policy and law in denying Medical assistance. Claimant testified at hearing that he has less money in his bank account at the present time. Claimant was advised that he can reapply and that his new application will be determined based on his current circumstances.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law decides that the Department was correct in the denial of Claimant's MA and AMP applications, and it is ORDERED that the Department's decision in this regard be and is hereby AFFIRMED.



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

Date Signed: May 6, 2011

Date Mailed: May 6, 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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