

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. 201118849
Issue No. 2001
Case No. [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 10, 2011
Macomb County DHS (36)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Christian Gardocki

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 10, 2011. The claimant appeared and testified. On behalf of Department of Human Services (DHS), [REDACTED], appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Whether DHS properly denied Claimant's application dated 12/27/10 requesting Medical Assistance (MA) benefits due to Claimant's failure to meet an eligible category for Medicaid and a freeze on enrollments for Adult Medical Program (AMP).

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On 12/27/10, Claimant submitted an Assistance Application (Exhibit 1) to DHS requesting MA benefits.
2. Claimant is a non-disabled and non-care taker male aged between 21 and 65 years.
3. On 1/13/11, DHS denied Claimant's request for Medicaid as Claimant failed to meet any of the eligible categories to receive Medicaid.

4. On 1/13/11, DHS denied Claimant's request for AMP benefits because the program was not open to new enrollments.
5. On 1/21/11, Claimant requested a hearing disputing 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 Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

MA provides medical assistance to individuals and families who meet financial and nonfinancial eligibility factors. The goal of the MA program is to ensure that essential health care services are made available to those who otherwise would not have financial resources to purchase them.

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 found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).


The Medicaid program is comprised of several sub-programs which fall under one of two categories; one category is FIP-related and the second category is SSI-related. BEM 105 at 1. To receive MA under an SSI-related category, the person must be aged (65 or older), blind, disabled, entitled to Medicare or formerly blind or disabled. *Id.* Families with dependent children, caretaker relatives of dependent children, persons under age 21 and pregnant, or recently pregnant, women receive MA under FIP-related categories. *Id.* AMP is an MA program available to persons not eligible for Medicaid through the SSI-related or FIP-related categories.

It was not disputed that Claimant does not meet the FIP-related or SSI-related MA categories. Accordingly, it is found that DHS properly denied Claimant for Medicaid benefits. However, it must still be determined if Claimant was eligible for MA benefits through AMP.

DHS specialists are to determine if there is an enrollment freeze in effect before considering eligibility for AMP benefits. BEM 640 at 1. AMP is a DHS program which has been opened for brief periods before DHS freezes the program from new applicants. Claimant applied for AMP benefits at a time when there was an enrollment freeze on the program. Accordingly, DHS properly denied Claimant eligibility for AMP benefits.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that DHS properly denied Claimant's application dated 12/27/10 for M A benefits. The actions taken by DHS are AFFIRMED.


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

Date Signed: 03/16/11

Date Mailed: 03/18/11

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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