

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2011-25678  
Issue No.: 2026  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
April 28, 2011  
Oakland County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Michael J. Bennane

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; MSA 16.409 and MCL 400.37; MSA 16.437 upon the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice a telephone hearing was held on April 28, 2011. The claimant appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly figure his/her Medical Assistance (MA) deductible?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. In [REDACTED], the department completed a redetermination of the claimant's MA.
2. On [REDACTED] the claimant filed a request for a hearing protesting the deductible amount for his/her MA.

**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 Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

In the instant case, the Claimant questions the Department's calculation of his/her MA.

The undersigned has reviewed the MA budget and found it to be correct. The protected income limit is \$541.00 per month for a group of two in Oakland County. The claimant's countable income is \$1,188.00 per month. The department states that the claimant's MA deductible is \$473.00. However, these figures do not seem to add up. (RFT 240).

It should be noted that the department did not supply this ALJ with a copy of the MA budget showing the figures used to calculate the deductible MA budget.

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, **REVERSES AND ORDERS** the department to recalculate the claimant's MA deductible.



Michael J. Bennane  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: June 6, 2011

Date Mailed: June 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 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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