

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

IN THE MATTER OF:  
Issue

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2011-27763  
No.: 2007  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: May 31, 2011  
DHS County: Macomb (20)

**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; M SA 16.437 upon the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice a telephone hearing was held on May 31, 2011. The Claimant was represented by his Authorized Representative [REDACTED]

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services (Department) properly deny the Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA), and retroactive MA applications?

**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 March 3, 2010, the Claimant applied for MA with retroactive coverage.
2. On July 20, 2010, the Claimant's AR filed a request for a hearing.

**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 (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 Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

In the instant case, the Department was unable to produce a verification checklist sent to the Claimant's AR.

**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES**

**All Programs**

An **authorized representative** (AR) is a person who applies for assistance on behalf of the client and/ or otherwise acts on his behalf (BAM 110, p.7).

Without documentation of notice sent to the AR, the Department's request for documentation is void.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, **REVERSES** and **ORDERS** the Department to reregister and process the Claimant's March 3, 2010, MA and retroactive MA applications.



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

Date Signed: June 30, 2011

Date Mailed: June 30, 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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