

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 2011-31071
Issue No.: 2007
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: June 14, 2011
DHS County: Wayne (15)

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 in Detroit, Michigan on June 14, 2011. The claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services (Department) properly close the claimant's Medical Assistance (MA)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. The Department sent the claimant a notice that her MA was to be terminated due to noncooperation with the Office of Child Support (OCS).
2. On February 20, 2011, the Department closed the claimant's MA for noncompliance with the OCS.
3. On April 25, 2011, the claimant 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 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 Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

In the instant case the claimant questions the cancellation of her MA due to noncooperation with OCS.

DEPARTMENT POLICY

FIP, CDC Income Eligible, MA and FAP

The custodial parent or alternative caretaker of children must comply with all requests for action or information needed to establish paternity and/or obtain child support on behalf of children for whom they receive assistance, unless a claim of good cause for not cooperating has been granted or is pending. (BEM 255, p. 1.)

At the hearing the claimant testified that she had become compliant with OCS on May 18, 2011.

At the time the Department closed the claimant's MA, she was still noncompliant with OCS.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, AFFIRMS the Department's actions in the instant case.

Michael
Administrative
for
Department

Date Signed: August 2, 2011

Date Mailed: August 2, 2011



J. Bennane
Law Judge
Maura Corrigan, Director
of Human Services

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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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