

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2011-35821
Issue No.: 2021
Case No.:
Hearing Date: July 27, 2011
Washtenaw County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jonathan W. Owens

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 following Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on July 27, 2011. Claimant's Authorized Representative, , participated and testified. Other participants were of the Department of Human Services.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services (Department) properly deny close Claimant's Family Independence Program (FIP) Medical Assistance (MA) Adult Medical Assistance (AMP) State Disability Assistance (SDA) application case due to excess assets?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Claimant applied for received Family Independence Program (FIP) Food Assistance Program (FAP) Medical Assistance (MA) Adult Medical Assistance (AMP) State Disability Assistance (SDA) Child Development and Care (CDC) benefits.
2. On May 4, 2009, the Department denied closed Claimant's application case due to excess assets.
3. On November 20, 2009, the Department sent notice of the denial closure to Claimant.

4. On November 20, 20 09, Claimant fil ed a hearing request, protesting the denial closure of the application case.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act; (1115)(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, and is administered by the Department pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.* Department policies are contained in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, 42 USC 601, *et seq.* The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the FIP program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 1997 AACSR 400.3101-3131. The FIP program replaced the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the 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 Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program which provides financial assistance for disabled persons is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 1998-2000 AACSR 400.3151-400.3180. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department properly improperly denied closed Claimant's Family Independence Program (FIP) Medical Assistance (MA) Adult Medical Assistance (AMP) State Disability Assistance (SDA) application case due to excess assets.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, finds that the Department did did not act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's AMP FIP MA SDA decision is AFFIRMED REVERSED for the reasons stated on the record.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Reprocess the April 14, 2009, application for MA including retro months and, if eligible, activate coverage..



Jonathan W. Owens
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 27, 2011

Date Mailed: July 27, 2011

NOTICE: Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) 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. MAHS 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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