

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2012-12666
Issue No.: 2018
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: February 7, 2012
County: Kent

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Vicki L. Armstrong

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, an in-person hearing was held on February 7, 2012. Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's redetermination for 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. Claimant submitted a Redetermination for Medical Assistance (MA) on August 29, 2011.
2. On October 4, 2011, the Department sent Claimant notice of the closure.
3. On November 1, 2011, the Department closed Claimant's case due to no one in Claimant's group being under 21, pregnant or disabled.
4. On October 13, 2011, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the closure of the case.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained 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 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.

Additionally, there are two types of Medical Assistance, (MA), SSI-Related and FIP-Related. In order to qualify for SSI-Related MA, Claimant must be 65 or older, blind or disabled. In this case, Claimant is not 65 or older, blind or disabled. Claimant testified that he was in the process of being evaluated to determine whether he was eligible to qualify for SSI. However, as of the date of the hearing, Claimant had not been approved for SSI. Therefore, because Claimant is not aged, blind or disabled, Claimant is not eligible for SSI-Related MA.

In order to qualify for FIP-Related MA, the household must contain minor children. Claimant did not have any minor children residing in his household at any time relevant to this matter. Because Claimant does not have minor children residing in his household, Claimant does not qualify for FIP-Related MA.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department properly closed Claimant's case for MA.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department did act properly.

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

It is SO ORDERED.

/s/
Vicki L. Armstrong
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 2/8/12

Date Mailed: 2/8/12

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- the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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