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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg No. 2012-13985 Issue No. 2026 Case No. Hearing Date: January 11, 2012 Jackson County DHS

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 upon Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on January 11, 2012. Claimant's authorized representative personally appeared and testified.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did the department and Claimant's authorized representative fully resolve the disputed issue by binding settlement offer and agreement?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. A hearing was held on January 26, 2011 and a decision was issued on March 18, 2011, ordering the department to process Claimant's medical bills from July 1, 2009 through July 31, 20009.
- 2. On October 21, 2011, Claimant filed a Request for a Hearing contesting the department's inaccurate processing of the July 2009 medical bills and failure to process the August 2009 medical bills.
- 3, Claimant's hearing was held on January 11, 2012.
- 4. During the hearing, the department's witness offered to settle this dispute on the record by reinstating processing Claimant's medical bills from July 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009, and to accept and process on receipt, Claimant's August 2009 medical bills.

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5. Claimant's authorized representative accepted the department's offer of settlement and acknowledged such processing would fully resolve the negative action taken in this case.

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 (DHS or department) 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 law, MCL 24.278(2), provides that disposition may be made of a contested case hearing by stipulation or agreed settlement on the record. Both parties agreed to the settlement terms set forth above.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides Claimant's authorized representative and the department entered into a valid, binding settlement agreement on the record at hearing.

Accordingly, this case is returned to the local office for implementation of the settlement terms.

It is SO ORDERED.

/s/

Vicki L. Armstrong Administrative Law Judge for Maura D. Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: _1/11/12

Date Mailed: _<u>1/11/12</u>

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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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