

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201226852
Issue No.: 2014
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 8, 2012
County: Monroe County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Corey A. Arendt

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 March 8, 2012, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Claimant's case for Medical Assistance (MA) Other Healthy Kids (OHK)?

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 received benefits for MA OHK.
2. On or around December 31, 2011, the Department processed a redetermination in regards to the Claimant's MA OHK benefits. During the redetermination, the Department determined Claimant was no longer eligible for MA OHK due to excess income.
3. On January 6, 2012, the Department closed the Claimant's MA OHK benefits.
4. On January 6, 2012, the Department sent the Claimant a notice of case action notifying the Claimant of the MA OHK closure.

5. On December 27, 2012, the Claimant filed a hearing request in regards to the January 6, 2012 notice of case action.

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 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.

(OHK) is a FIP-related Group 1 MA category. MA is available to a person who is under age 19 when net income does not exceed 150% of the poverty level. A person age 16-18 years old with net income between 101-150% of the poverty level is a Healthy Kids Expansion (HKE) recipient. (BEM 131). In this case, it is clear, the Claimant's income exceeded the income limits for the program.

However, an *ex parte* review (see glossary) is required before Medicaid closures when there is an actual or anticipated change, unless the change would result in closure due to ineligibility for all Medicaid. When possible, an *ex parte* review should begin at least 90 days before the anticipated change is expected to result in case closure. The review includes consideration of all MA categories. (BEM 131). In this case, there was no evidence that an *ex parte* review took place or that the change would have made the Claimant ineligible for all types of Medicaid. Therefore, I am reversing the Department in this matter.

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 not act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's MA decision is **REVERSED**.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Initiate a redetermination as to the Claimant's eligibility for MA benefits beginning January 6, 2010 and issue retroactive benefits if otherwise eligible and qualified.

2. Initiate an ex parte review to determine whether or not the Claimant is eligible for any other types of MA benefits.

/s/
Corey A. Arendt
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: March 8, 2012

Date Mailed: March 9, 2012

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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.

Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

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- typographical errors, mathematical error, or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that effect the substantial rights of the claimant:
- the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
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