

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2012-37822
Issue No.: 2021
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: June 28, 2012
County: Wayne (82)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

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 June 28, 2012, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED] Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED]

ISSUE

Due to excess assets, did the Department properly ☒ deny the Claimant's application ☐ close Claimant's case for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA)? | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA)? |

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 benefits ☐ received benefits for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP). | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medical Assistance (AMP). |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA). | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA). |

2. Due to excess assets, on February 15, 2012, the Department ☒ denied Claimant's application. ☐ closed Claimant's case.

3. On February 15, 2012, the Department sent
☒ Claimant ☐ Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR)
notice of the ☒ denial. ☐ closure.
4. On February 27, 2012, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the
☒ denial of the application. ☐ closure of the case.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

☐ The Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by 42 USC 1315, and is administered by the Department pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*

☐ 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 FIP pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 1999 AC, Rule 400.3101 through Rule 400.3131. FIP replaced the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996.

☒ 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.

☐ 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 2000 AACCS, Rule 400.3151 through Rule 400.3180.

Additionally, the claimant applied for MA on January 26, 2012, with retroactive coverage back to October, 2011. At the time of application the claimant had \$7,683.90 in his bank account. The claimant's representative testified that the previous guardian was uncooperative and unwilling to release any funds from the claimant's bank account. The guardianship was eventually changed but as of February 1, 2012, the claimant still had \$7,683.90 in his account. The claimant's representative argues that a check dated January 28, 2012, for nursing home expenses should and would lower the claimant's assets below the \$2,000.00 asset limit. (BEM 400). In any event, the funds were still in the claimant's bank account, and therefore under his control when the application was made and remained there until February 9, 2012.

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, due to excess assets, the Department

☒ properly denied Claimant's application ☐ improperly denied Claimant's application
☐ properly closed Claimant's case ☐ improperly closed Claimant's case

for: ☐ AMP ☐ FIP ☒ MA ☐ SDA.

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. ☐ did not act properly.

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



Michael J. Bennane
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 10, 2012

Date Mailed: July 10, 2012

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 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:

- A rehearing **MAY** be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
- A reconsideration **MAY** be granted for any of the following reasons:
 - misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision,
 - 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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Request must be submitted through the local DHS office or directly to MAHS by mail at
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