

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No: 2012-45535

Issue No: 2006

[REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** [REDACTED]

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge by authority of MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37. This is a telephone hearing held [REDACTED]. The Claimant appeared and testified along with his representative, [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services (the department) properly cancel claimant's for Medical Assistance (MA) based upon its determination that claimant failed to provide verification information in a timely manner?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. On [REDACTED] claimant filed an application for Medical Assistance. The application did not contain a social security number for one of the group members.
2. On [REDACTED] the department caseworker sent claimant and the representative [REDACTED] a verification checklist with information due by [REDACTED]. (Exhibit 4)
3. On [REDACTED], the department caseworker sent claimant and [REDACTED] notice that the application would be denied for failure to provide verification information. (Exhibit 2)
4. On [REDACTED] claimant's representative filed a request for a hearing to contest the department's negative action.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The regulations governing the hearing and appeal process for applicants and recipients of public assistance in Michigan are found in the Michigan Administrative Code, MAC R 400.901-400.951. An opportunity for a hearing shall be granted to an applicant who requests a hearing because his or her claim for assistance has been denied. MAC R 400.903(1). Clients have the right to contest a department decision affecting eligibility or benefit levels whenever it is believed that the decision is incorrect. The department will provide an administrative hearing to review the decision and determine the appropriateness of that decision. BAM 600.

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Clients have the right to contest a department decision affecting eligibility or benefit levels whenever it is believed that the decision is incorrect. BAM 600. The department will provide an administrative hearing to review the decision and determine the appropriateness. BAM 600. The State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules ("SOAHR") may grant a hearing for any of the following:

- Denial of an application and/or supplemental payments
- Reduction in the amount of program benefits or service
- Suspension or termination of program benefits or service
- Restrictions under which benefits or services are provided
- Delay of any action beyond the standard of promptness
- For FAP only, the current level of benefits or denial of expedited service

BAM Item 600, page 1. Additionally, for MA purposes, MAHS may grant a hearing on other issues not applicable here, such as community spouse income, allowance, asset assessment, etc.

- The AHR or, if none, the customer has 90 calendar days from the date of the written notice of case action to request a hearing. BAM, Item 600, p. 5.
- A claimant shall be provided 90 days from the mailing of the notice in R 400.902 to request a hearing. R 400.904(4).
- The claimant shall be provided reasonable time, not to exceed 90 days, in which to appeal an agency action. 45 CFR 205.10.
- The agency must allow the applicant or recipient a reasonable time, not to exceed 90 days from the date that notice of action is mailed, to request a hearing. 42 CFR 431.221.

In the instant case, the notice of case action was mailed to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. The notice did not return to the department as undeliverable. The request for a hearing was received from [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. The request for a hearing was not made within 90 days of the date of notice of negative action. This hearing request must be DISMISSED because the request for a hearing was not made within 90 days of the date of notice.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law finds that the Request for Hearing is untimely.

Accordingly, the request for hearing is **DISMISSED**.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
[REDACTED]  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: [REDACTED]

Date Mailed: [REDACTED]

**NOTICE:** Administrative Hearings 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. Administrative Hearings 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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