

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No: 201263147
Issue No: 2021
Case No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: September 6, 2012
Monroe County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary F. Heisler

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 September 6, 2012. Claimant did not appear but was represented by his authorized hearing representative and [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services properly deny Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) application due to excess assets?

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 applied for Medical Assistance (MA) benefits.
2. On June 19, 2012, the Department ran a financial eligibility budget to determine Claimant's eligibility. The budget showed that Claimant's liquid assets of [REDACTED] exceeded Claimant's [REDACTED] asset limit. Claimant was sent notice of the determination.
3. On July 3, 2012, Claimant submitted a request for hearing.

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 (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105.

In this case it is not disputed that Claimant exceeded the asset limit at the time the Department denied his application. A detailed analysis of the evidence presented, applicable Department policies, and reasoning for the decision are contained in the recorded record. During the hearing Claimant was informed of the decision and the reasoning behind the decision.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department of Human Services properly denied Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) application due to excess assets.

It is ORDERED that the actions of the Department of Human Services, in this matter, are UPHELD.

/s/
Gary F. Heisler
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: September 11, 2012

Date Mailed: September 11, 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 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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