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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No: 201270056 Issue No: 2026 Case No: Hearing Date:September20,2012 Washtenaw 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 upon claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a hearing was held on September 20, 2012. Claimant appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Hum an Services determine the proper amount of Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility on July 24, 2012?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. Claimant was an ongoing recipient of Medical Assistance (MA) benefits.
- On July 24, 2012, Claimant's Medi cal Assistance (MA) financial eligibility budget was updated to inc lude an income increase. Claimant was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated that her Medical Assistance (MA) coverage would be a \$ deductible case beginning September 1, 2012.
- 3. On August 1, 2012, Claimant submitted a request for hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Title XIX of the Social Sec urity Act and is implemented by T itle 42 of the C ode 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 Program Reference Manual (PRM).

In this case he Department had already made a correction to Claim ant's income for use in her Medical Assistance (MA) financial eligibility budget but had not certified the new determination. During the hear ing Claimant's income was verified and both t he old and new Medical Assistance (MA) financial eligibility budgets were reviewed.

Once Claimant's verified inc ome of **\$ was** applied to a M edical Assistance (MA) financial eligibility bu dget it was calculated that Cla imant was eligible for a **\$** deductible case.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon t he above findings of fact and conclusion s of law, decides the Depar tment of Human Services DID NOT determine the proper amount of Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility on July 24, 2012.

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

It is further ORDERED that t he Department recalculat e Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) financial eligibility budget using \$ for her unearned income and apply that determination to her Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility from September 1, 201 2.

<u>/s/</u>

Gary F. Heisler Administrative Law Judge for Maura D. Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: October 2, 2012

Date Mailed: October 3, 2012

NOTICE: Administrative Hearings may or der a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at t he request of a party wit hin 30 days of the ma iling date of this Decision and Order. Administrative Hear ings will not orde r a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's mo tion where the final decis ion 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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