

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 2012-839
Issue No.: 2001
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: April 5, 2012
County: MA Spec Process

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: C. Adam Purnell

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 three-way telephone hearing was held on April 5, 2012, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED] (Claimant's cousin and Authorized Hearing Representative). Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] (Eligibility Specialist).

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine Claimant's eligibility for Medical Assistance (MA) and/or for the Adult Medical Program (AMP)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On May 27, 2011, the Department granted Claimant Interim MA and mailed her a Medicaid Settlement Agreement Supplemental Questionnaire (DHS-1011A).
2. On June 6, 2011, the Department received Claimant's completed DHS-1011A form, but Claimant did not list herself as being disabled on the DHS-1011A.
3. Claimant had not applied for disability with the Social Security Administration (SSA).
4. Claimant was not eligible for any MA program except for the AMP.

5. At the time, there was a freeze on new enrollments for the AMP.
6. On September 13, 2011, the Department mailed Claimant a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which denied her MA and AMP.
7. Claimant requested a hearing on September 23, 2011.

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 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 Mich Admin Code, R 400.3101 through R 400.3131. FIP replaced the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program effective October 1, 1996.

The Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp (FS) program] is established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001 through R 400.3015.

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 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.

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 State Disability Assistance (SDA) program, which provides financial assistance for disabled persons, is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 2000 AACS, R 400.3151 through R 400.3180.

The Child Development and Care (CDC) program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The program is implemented by Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 98

and 99. The Department provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and Mich Admin Code, R 400.5001 through R 400.5015.

The MA program is also referred to as Medicaid. BEM 105. The goal of the Medicaid program is to ensure that essential health care services are made available to those who otherwise could not afford them. BEM 105. The Medicaid program is comprised of several sub-programs or categories. One category is FIP recipients. BEM 105. Another category is SSI recipients. BEM 105. There are several other categories for persons not receiving FIP or SSI. BEM 105. However, the eligibility factors for these categories are based on (related to) the eligibility factors in either the FIP or SSI program. BEM 105. Therefore, these categories are referred to as either FIP-related or SSI-related. BEM 105.

To receive Medicaid under an SSI-related category, the person must be aged (65 or older), blind, disabled, entitled to Medicare or formerly blind or disabled. Families with dependent children, caretaker relatives of dependent children, persons under age 21 and pregnant, or recently pregnant women, receive Medicaid under FIP-related categories. For MA only, a client and the client's community spouse have the right to request a hearing on an initial asset assessment only if an application has actually been filed for the client. BAM 105. Families with dependent children, caretaker relatives of dependent children, persons under age 21 and pregnant, or recently pregnant, women receive MA under FIP-related categories. BEM 105.

Additionally, AMP is available to individuals who meet all the eligibility factors in BEM 640. Certain aliens are limited to coverage of emergency services (ESO). BEM 640. Income eligibility exists when the program group's net income does not exceed the program group's AMP income limit. BEM 640. The AMP income limits are identified in RFT 236. When the client's living arrangement changes during a month, the department uses the living arrangement with the higher income limit. BEM 640. Only countable income is used. BEM 640. Countable income is income remaining after applying AMP policy in BEM 500, 501, 502, 503, 504. BEM 640.

There are two categories of AMP: (1) G Program (AMP-G) - SDA cash payment recipients are eligible for AMP when they are not eligible for MA or other Department medical programs, and do not have private health care coverage (see "Private Health Coverage" below), and there is not an enrollment freeze in effect in the month of Application; (2) H Program (AMP-H) - Clients receive medical benefits only. Client must meet all eligibility factors in BEM 640.

With regard to AMP-H nonfinancial eligibility factors, a person who has private health care coverage is not eligible for AMP. BEM 640. Health care coverage includes comprehensive health insurance (see PRG) and enrollment in a medical care plan such as a health maintenance organization (HMO). BEM 640.

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 when it found Claimant was not eligible for SSI-MA and AMP. did not act properly when .

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

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

/s/ _____
C. Adam Purnell
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 4/10/12

Date Mailed: 4/10/12

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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:

- 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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