

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-15854  
Issue No.: 2027  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: April 29, 2013  
County: Wayne (43)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Jan Leventer

**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 April 29, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant and her son, [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Family Independence Manager.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly  deny Claimant's application  close Claimant's case for:

- |                                                              |                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP)?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medical Assistance (AMP)?    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP)?      | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA)? |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development and Care (CDC)?  |

**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 benefits  received benefits for:

- |                                                              |                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP).  | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Medical Assistance (AMP).    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP).      | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA). |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA). | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development and Care (CDC).  |

2. On November 5, 2012, the Department  
 denied Claimant's application       closed Claimant's case  
due to a determination that because she received U.S. Social Security benefits, she was not eligible for Medicaid benefits.
3. On November 5, 2012, the Department sent  
 Claimant       Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR)  
notice of the       denial.       closure.
4. On November 27, 2012, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the  
 denial of the application.       closure of the case.

### **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 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.

Additionally, at the hearing the Department testified that Claimant became eligible for MA effective September 1, 2012, because she was receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits from the U.S. Social Security Administration. Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 150 (2011) states that SSI automatically entitles customers to MA, if they apply for it and meet all eligibility requirements. Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 150 (2011).

Accordingly, the November 5, 2012 Notice of Case Action announcing that Claimant's MA application is denied, is erroneous and shall be reversed by this decision.

Considering next the remedy to be determined in this case, at the hearing the Department testified that, notwithstanding the denial in the Notice of Case Action, the Department did in fact approve Claimant for MA as of September 1, 2012. At the hearing the Department notified Claimant and her son that this action was already taken, and the Department gave her and her son Claimant's Medicaid ID number. Therefore, it is not necessary to order the remedy of reinstatement of Claimant's MA application, as it was in fact previously granted.

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 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  FAP  MA  SDA  CDC.

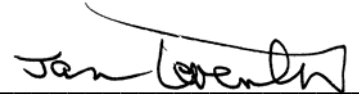
**DECISION AND ORDER**

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  FAP  MA  SDA  CDC decision is  AFFIRMED  REVERSED for the reasons stated on the record.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INITIATE WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER, THE FOLLOWING:

1. Issue a corrected Notice of Case Action approving Claimant for MA benefits effective September 1, 2012.
2. Provide retroactive and ongoing MA benefits to Claimant at the benefit levels to which she is entitled.
3. All steps shall be taken in accordance with Department policy and procedure.



**Jan Leventer**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 30, 2013

Date Mailed: April 30, 2013

**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. (60 days for FAP cases)

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 affect the substantial rights of the claimant:
- failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

Request must be submitted through the local DHS office or directly to MAHS by mail at  
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Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
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