

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-30797  
Issue No.: 2012  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: June 4, 2013  
County: Oakland-03 County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Corey A. Arendt

**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 June 4, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED] (Representative) and [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department fail to apply deductible coverage in October of 2010?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. As of October 2010, the Claimant had an open Medical Assistance (MA) deductible case.
2. On January 10, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted medical bills to the Department on behalf of the Claimant. The medical bills were from [REDACTED].
3. On March 11, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted to the Department a second time, medical bills from [REDACTED].
4. On June 10, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted to the Department a third time, medical bills from [REDACTED].
5. On June 29, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted to the Department a fourth time, medical bills from [REDACTED].
6. At no point in time did the Department process the medical bills submitted by [REDACTED] and apply them to the Claimant's MA deductible.

7. On August 9, 2011, [REDACTED] requested a hearing to prompt the Department to apply the previously submitted medical bills to the Claimant's October 2010 deductible.

### **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 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.

In this case the parties had stipulated that [REDACTED] had timely submitted the medical bills to the Department (Wayne County office not the Oakland County Walled Lake District office). The Department witness indicated she had attempted to locate the file to verify the receipt of the documents and determine what was done with the case but did not receive the file. However, because there is no dispute as to the timely receipt of the bills in question and because the Department could not explain what happened with the case (specifically why the bills were not applied), I am reversing the Department in this matter.

Accordingly, I find the Department did not properly follow the applicable laws and policies in processing the Claimant's October 2010 medical bills.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

I find, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law the Department did not act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's MA decision is **REVERSED**.

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

1. Initiate the processing of the Claimant's medical bills from October of 2010 that were submitted to the Department on January 10, 2011.



Corey A. Arendt  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: June 5, 2013

Date Mailed: June 5, 2013

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  - 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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