

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201317891  
Issue No.: 2018  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: May 15, 2013  
County: DHS-HK-PF

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Susanne E. Harris

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

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 30, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED], who wished to act as an Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR) for the Claimant, her [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included Eligibility Specialist, [REDACTED] and Assistance Payments Supervisor, [REDACTED].

The regulations governing the hearing and appeal process for applicants and recipients of public assistance in Michigan are found in the Michigan Administrative Code, 1999 AC, R 400.901 through Rule 400.951. An opportunity for a hearing shall be granted to an applicant who requests a hearing because a claim for assistance is denied or is not acted upon with reasonable promptness, and to any recipient who is aggrieved by a Department action resulting in suspension, reduction, discontinuance, or termination of assistance. Rule 400.903(1). A request for hearing shall be in writing and signed by the claimant, petitioner, or authorized representative. Rule 400.904(1).

In this case, [REDACTED] testified that she completed and signed the hearing request for her [REDACTED] because he has suffered from a stroke and can not write. However, she did not complete the section appointing her as his AHR. Furthermore, she conceded that she applied for the wrong medical assistance program as her [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not need Plan First or Other Healthy Kids programs. In this case, as the hearing request was not signed by the Claimant or his authorized hearing representative, the Administrative Law Judge determines that she has no jurisdiction to hear this case.

Based on the above discussion, it is ORDERED that this Request for Hearing is DISMISSED.

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Susanne E. Harris  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 5/15/13

Date Mailed: 5/16/13

**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 effect the substantial rights of the claimant:
  - the 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  
Michigan Administrative hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P. O. Box 30639  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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