

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-35541
Issue No.: 2026
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: June 20, 2013
County: Wayne (82-18)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

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 20, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED]

ISSUE

Did the Department properly calculate Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) deductible?

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 is an ongoing recipient of MA.
2. On February 28, 2013, the Department sent Claimant a notice that her MA was going to include a deductible of \$1,078.00 from February 1, 2013, through March 31, 2013, and \$1,103.00 beginning April 1, 2013, ongoing.
3. On March 13, 2013, Claimant requested a hearing to protest the deductible added to her MA.

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).

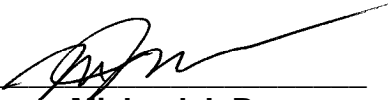
The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105.

Additionally, at the hearing, this ALJ reviewed Claimant's MA budget with Claimant. Claimant understands that her deductible is based on unearned income of \$1,498 and that subtracted from that is a general exclusion of \$20 and a protected income limit of \$375. This leaves a remaining deductible of \$1,103.00. RFT 240 (July 2007).

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 calculated Claimant's MA deductible. 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.



Michael J. Bennane
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 15, 2013

Date Mailed: July 15, 2013

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