

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 2013-42646
Issue No.: 2000
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: July 18, 2013
County: Wayne (82-15)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Alice C. Elkin

SETTLEMENT ORDER

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 July 18, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED]

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly processed Claimant's June 8, 2012, Medical Assistance (MA) application and application for retroactive MA coverage to March 2012.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On June 8, 2012, Claimant filed an MA application and an application for retroactive MA coverage to March 2012.
2. On April 15, 2013, Claimant's AHR filed a request for hearing alleging the Department failed to process the applications.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are found in the Department of Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

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 law provides that disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24.278(2).

In the present case, Claimant's AHR requested a hearing to dispute the Department's failure to process Claimant's June 8, 2012, MA application with retroactive coverage to March 2012. At the hearing, the Department acknowledged that it had failed to register and process the application in accordance with Department policy. Soon after commencement of the hearing, the parties testified that they had reached a settlement concerning the disputed action. Consequently, the Department agreed to do the following: (1) register the application effective June 8, 2012, with retroactive coverage to March 2012, upon the AHR providing a copy of the application to the Department; (2) begin processing the application in accordance with Department policy, including sending any verification checklists to Claimant and the AHR; (3) provide Claimant with MA coverage she is eligible to receive from March 2012 ongoing; and (4) notify Claimant and the AHR in writing of its decision in accordance with Department policy.

As a result of this settlement, Claimant's AHR no longer wishes to proceed with the hearing. As such, it is unnecessary for this Administrative Law Judge to render a decision regarding the facts and issues in this case.


DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department and the AHR have come to a settlement regarding the request for a hearing.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Register the application effective June 8, 2012, with retroactive coverage to March 2012, upon the AHR providing a copy of the application to the Department;
2. Begin processing the application in accordance with Department policy, including sending any verification checklists to Claimant and the AHR;
3. Provide Claimant with MA coverage she is eligible to receive from March 2012 ongoing; and

4. Notify Claimant and the AHR in writing of its decision in accordance with Department policy.



Alice C. Elkin
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 22, 2013

Date Mailed: July 22, 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.

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