

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-30626
Issue No.: 2001
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: July 30, 2013
County: Kalamazoo 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 July 30, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny the Claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

I find as material fact, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record:

1. On November 20, 2012, the Claimant applied for MA. During a subsequent application interview, the Claimant indicated he was able to work and had recently applied for jobs.
2. As of November 20, 2012, the Claimant was receiving bi-weekly unemployment compensation benefits and reporting to the unemployment commission that he was able and available to work.
3. As of November 20, 2012, there was a freeze new enrollment for the Adult Medical Program (AMP).
4. On November 21, 2012, the Department denied the Claimant's application for MA benefits as the Claimant did not meet the eligibility criteria for the MA program (Aged, Blind, Disabled, under 21, pregnant, or parent/caretaker relative of a dependent child).
5. On February 12, 2013, the Claimant requested a hearing in dispute of the MA denial.

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.

The AMP is established by 42 USC 1315, and is administered by the Department pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*

The goal of the Medicaid program is to ensure that essential health care services are made available to those who otherwise could not afford them. Medicaid is also known as Medical Assistance (MA). BEM 105 (2012), p. 1.

The Medicaid program is comprised of several sub-programs or categories. One category is FIP recipients. Another category is SSI recipients. There are several other categories for persons not receiving FIP or SSI. However, the eligibility factors for these categories are based on (related to) the eligibility factors in either the FIP or SSI program. Therefore, these categories are referred to as either FIP-related or SSI related. BEM 105 (2012), p. 1.

To receive MA under an SSI-related category, the person must be aged (65 or older), blind, disabled, entitled to Medicare or formerly blind or disabled. BEM 105 (2012), p. 1.

To receive FIP related MA, the Claimant must either have dependent children; be the caretaker relative of dependent children; be under the age of 21 or be pregnant. BEM 105 (2012), p. 1.

In this case, the Department denied MA for the Claimant as the Claimant did not meet any of the MA eligibility criteria at the time of application. At the time of application, the Claimant was able to work and had been indicating his ability to work to the unemployment commission bi-weekly in order to receive unemployment compensation. Additionally, the Claimant was applying for jobs at the time of application and I cannot think of any reason why someone would take the time to apply for work if they did not seriously think they could perform the work they were applying for.

Based on the presented facts, I find the Department's actions were in conformity with the applicable laws and policies and therefore, I **AFFIRM** the Department's actions in this matter.

DECISION AND ORDER

I find the Department did act properly, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

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



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

Date Signed: July 31, 2013

Date Mailed: July 31, 2013

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Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

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 - 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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