

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-40251
Issue No.: 2012
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: August 28, 2013
County: Wayne DHS (35)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Christian Gardocki

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, an in-person hearing was held on August 28, 2013, from Redford, Michigan. Participants included [REDACTED] as Claimant's authorized hearing representative. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (DHS) included [REDACTED], Specialist.

ISSUE

The issue is whether DHS properly processed a medical billing exception for Claimant for the months [REDACTED] 2011 and [REDACTED] 2011.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On an unspecified date, DHS approved Claimant for Medicaid for the months of [REDACTED]/2011 and [REDACTED]/2011.
2. Claimant submitted medical expenses to DHS for [REDACTED]/2011 and [REDACTED]/2011.
3. DHS failed to process medical billing exceptions for Claimant for [REDACTED]/2011 or [REDACTED]/2011.
4. On [REDACTED]/13, Claimant's AHR requested a hearing to dispute the failure by DHS to process medical billing exceptions for [REDACTED]/2011 [REDACTED] 2011.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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. DHS regulations are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

Prior to a substantive analysis of the hearing request, it should be noted that Claimant's AHR cited special arrangements in order to participate in the administrative hearing; specifically, an in-person hearing was requested. The request was granted and the hearing was conducted accordingly.


Claimant's AHR requested a hearing to dispute a failure by DHS to process Claimant's medical bills from 5/2011 and 6/2011. It was not disputed that the medical bills were submitted to DHS within 12 months of their incurrence.

Providers must use MA billing procedures to obtain payment for services performed. BAM 402 (10/2012), p. 8. Billings should be submitted within 12 months from the date of service. *Id.* Exceptions to the 12 month billing policy can be made if the delay is caused by agency error or as a result of a court or administrative hearing decision. *Id.* Form MSA-1038, Request for Exception to the Twelve Month Billing Limitation For Medical Services, is an internal document and must be completed by local office staff to begin the exception process. *Id.*

DHS conceded that Claimant is eligible for payment of medical expenses from [redacted]/2011 and [redacted]/2011 and that an MSA-1038 for those months has not been processed. The concession is consistent with DHS policy and the facts of Claimant's case. It is found that Claimant is entitled to processing of the medical expenses for [redacted]/2011 and [redacted]/2011.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that DHS failed to process payment of medical expenses for Claimant. It is ordered that DHS process an MSA-1038 for Claimant for the months of [redacted]/2011 and [redacted]/2011. The actions taken by DHS are REVERSED.


Christian Gardocki
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 9/20/2013

Date Mailed: 9/20/2013

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A Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration may be granted when one of the following exists:

- Newly discovered evidence that existed at the time of the original hearing that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision;
- Misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision which led to a wrong conclusion;
- Typographical, mathematical or other obvious error in the hearing decision that affects the rights of the client;
- Failure of the ALJ to address in the hearing decision relevant issues raised in the hearing request.

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