

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 201331001
Issue No.: 4003, 2006
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: July 26, 2013
County: Macomb (20)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Kathleen H. Svoboda

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 26, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Eligibility Specialist.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's application for Medicaid (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA)?

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 January 8, 2013 Claimant applied for Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits, disability based Medicaid (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA).
2. MA and SDA were denied on February 8, 2013 for failure to provide medical documentation.
3. On February 20, 2013, Claimant requested a hearing regarding the denial of her MA and SDA benefits. Claimant did not request a hearing regarding FAP.

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 Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp (FS) program] is established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001 through R 400.3015.

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 State Disability Assistance (SDA) program, which provides financial assistance for disabled persons, is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 2000 AACS, R 400.3151 through R 400.3180.

Additionally, at the hearing, Claimant testified that she did not have any issue regarding FAP benefits so to the extent that the hearing request relates to FAP, the FAP issue is hereby **DISMISSED**.

Further, at the hearing, Claimant conceded that she submitted medical bills instead of medical records which were needed in order to properly process her application for disability based MA and SDA program benefits. Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 260 and 261 (July 1, 2013) and Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) 815 (July 1, 2013). She also stated that she wanted the hearing so someone could explain the process to her that includes review of medical documentation by the Medical Review Team (MRT). BEM 260 and 261, and BAM 815. Claimant testified that she had since reapplied for benefits on or about February 27, 2013 and that she now understood what the Department needed in order to process her application for MA and SDA.

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 denied Claimant's application for MA and SDA as Claimant failed to provide the medical records requested in order to allow the Department to properly process her application. Further, 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 there is no issue to address regarding FAP benefits.

Accordingly, the Department's determination regarding MA and SDA is hereby **AFFIRMED**.



Kathleen H. Svoboda
Supervising Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 12, 2013

Date Mailed: August 13, 2013

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