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

#### IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2013-58062 Issue Nos: 2006, 4003

Case No.:

Hearing Date: August 28, 2013
County: Wayne (82-17)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Michael J. Bennane

#### **HEARING DECISION**

Following Claimant's request for a hearing, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and 400.37; 7 CFR 273.15 to 273.18; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10. After due notice, a tlephone hearing was held on August 28, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included

#### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly process Claimant's August 24, 2012, Medical Assistance (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) applications?

#### **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 August 24, 2012, Claimant applied for MA and SDA.
- 2. On September 6, 2012, the Department sent Claimant a notice of case action (NOCA) informing her that her MA and SDA applications had been denied effective August 1, 2012, and September 16, 2012 respectively.
- 3. On October 11, 2012, the Department scheduled a doctor's appointment for Claimant for
- 4. On July 9, 2013, Claimant requested a hearing to protest the denial of her August 24, 2012, MA and SDA application.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396-1396w-5, and is implemented by 42 CFR 400.200 to 1008.59. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and MCL 400.105.

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program is established by the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3151-.3180.

Mich Admin Code, R 400.31513180.
Additionally, at the hearing, Claimant testified credibly that she went to the Department's arranged medical appointment, and briefly described the actions taken by the doctor.
The Department presented evidence that Claimant did not show up for the medical appointment but the Department's documentation relies on an unknown person writing "no show" on
The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department
<ul> <li>□ acted in accordance with Department policy when it</li> <li>□ did not act in accordance with Department policy when it</li> <li>□ failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it failed to provide documentation of a denial notice before Claimant was given the opportunity to take part in the scheduled medical consultation.</li> </ul>
DECISION AND ORDER
Accordingly, the Department's decision is
<ul> <li>□ AFFIRMED.</li> <li>□ REVERSED.</li> <li>□ AFFIRMED IN PART with respect to to to .</li> </ul>
THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN

ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS

HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Initiate the reregistration and processing of Claimant's August 24, 2012, MA and SDA application and supplement for benefits missed if any.

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

Date Signed: November 19, 2013

Date Mailed: November 19, 2013

**NOTICE OF APPEAL:** 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 or Reconsideration was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the Decision and Order of Reconsideration or Rehearing Decision.

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).

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.

The Department, AHR or the claimant must specify all reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration. A request must be *received* in MAHS within 30 days of the date the hearing decision is mailed.

The written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088 and be labeled as follows:

Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request

If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

Michigan Administrative Hearings Reconsideration/Rehearing Request P.O. Box 30639 Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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