

**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 16841  
Issue No.: 2006  
Case No.: ██████████  
Hearing Date: May 2, 2013  
County: Wayne County DHS (19)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Lynn M. Ferris

**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 May 2, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████, ES.

**ISSUE**

Due to a failure to comply with the verification requirements, did the Department properly  deny Claimant's application  close Claimant's case  reduce Claimant's benefits for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Independence Program (FIP)?         | <input type="checkbox"/> State Disability Assistance (SDA)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance Program (FAP)?             | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development and Care (CDC)?  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance (MA)? (AMP)? |   |

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. Claimant  applied for  was receiving: FIP FAP MA SDA CDC AMP.
2. Claimant was required to submit requested verification by September 4, 2012.

3. On 11/1/12, the Department
  - denied Claimant's application.
  - closed Claimant's case.
  - reduced Claimant's benefits.
  
4. On October 3, 2012, the Department sent notice of the
  - denial of Claimant's application.
  - closure of Claimant's case.
  - reduction of Claimant's benefits.
  
5. On October 5, 2012, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the
  - denial of Claimant's application.
  - closure of Claimant's case.
  - reduction of Claimant's benefits.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

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

The program is implemented by Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 98 and 99. The Department provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and 1997 AACS R 400.5001-5015.

Additionally, the evidence presented by the Claimant based upon his sworn credible testimony was that he returned his completed redetermination timely to the Department by placing it in the self addressed return envelope provided by the Department and placing it in his mailbox to be mailed. The proper mailing and addressing of a letter creates a presumption of receipt. That presumption may be rebutted by evidence. *Stacey v Snakefish*, 19 Mich App 638 (1969); *Good v Detroit Automobile Inter-Insurance Exchange*, 67 Mich App 270 (1976). In this case the Department did not receive the redetermination but non receipt alone is not sufficient to rebut the presumption in this case. The Department receives a large volume of mail and the redetermination form could have been misplaced or misfiled. A copy of the Claimant's redetermination form, presented at the hearing was dated 8/25/12 and signed by the Claimant and kept by Claimant for his records. The Claimant also acted immediately upon receiving the Notice of Case Action closing his AMP case to come in person to the Department to resolve the matter by presenting his copy and advising the Department that he did complete the redetermination on time.

#### All Programs

Timely notice is given for a negative action unless policy specifies adequate notice or no notice. See Adequate Notice and for CDC and FAP only, Actions Not Requiring Notice, in this item. A timely notice is mailed at least 11 days before the intended negative

action takes effect. The action is pended to provide the client a chance to react to the proposed action. BEM 220 pp3-4 (11-1-12).

**Requirement Met Before Negative Action Effective Date**

Enter the information the client provided to meet the requirement that caused the negative action, using the appropriate Bridges screens. Then follow Additional Steps to Delete a Negative Action in this section. BEM 220 pp10, id.

In this case the Claimant's case was pended for closure and there remained 26 days before closure when the Claimant presented the Department with the redetermination that he had mailed and thus the Department was required to delete the negative action and reinstate the Claimant's AMP case and process the redetermination. .

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department

properly  improperly

closed Claimant's case.

denied Claimant's application.

reduced Claimant's benefits.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

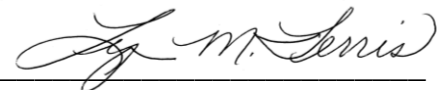
The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department

did act properly  did not act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's decision is  AFFIRMED  REVERSED for the reasons stated on the record.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. The Department shall reinstate the Claimant's AMP case retroactive to the date of closure, November 1, 2011 and process the redetermination accordingly.
2. The Department shall provide AMP coverage for the Claimant effective, November 1, 2011.



**Lynn M. Ferris**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: May 21, 2013

Date Mailed: May 21, 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.

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

- A rehearing **MAY** be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
- A reconsideration **MAY** be granted for any of the following reasons:
  - misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision,
  - typographical errors, mathematical error, or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that affect the substantial rights of the claimant:
  - failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

Request must be submitted through the local DHS office or directly to MAHS by mail at  
Michigan Administrative Hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P. O. Box 30639  
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