

**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.: 2013-33554  
Issue No.: 2006  
Case No.: ██████████  
Hearing Date: June 12, 2013  
County: Wayne (19)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Jan Leventer

**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 June 12, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan, before Administrative Law Judge Michael Bennane. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant and ██████████, his mother and guardian. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████, Family Independence Manager.

On July 5, 2013, the case was reassigned to Administrative Law Judge Jan Leventer for preparation of a decision and order.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly  deny Claimant's application  close Claimant's case for:

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. Claimant  applied for benefits  received benefits for:

- Family Independence Program (FIP).       Adult Medical Assistance (AMP).

- Food Assistance Program (FAP).                       State Disability Assistance (SDA).  
 Medical Assistance (MA).                                       Child Development and Care (CDC).

2. On March 1, 2013, the Department  
 denied Claimant's application       closed Claimant's case  
due to a determination that he failed to provide information necessary to receive  
benefits.
3. On February 16, 2013, the Department sent  
 Claimant       Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR)  
notice of the       denial.       closure.
4. On March 5, 2013, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the  
 denial of the application.       closure of the case.

### **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 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.

Additionally, the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are entered in this case.

On February 28, 2013, the Department sent Claimant a Redetermination application form requesting updated information. The Department requested that the information be returned by March 14, 2013. The Redetermination was not returned to the Department by the deadline. Dept. Exh. 4.

However, the Department's Notice of Case Action stated that the closure would occur on March 1, 2013, the day after the Redetermination was mailed. Dept. Exh. 2. The Department's sequence of actions does not permit the Claimant any time to cooperate with the Department's request. Following the Department's sequence used in this case, the Claimant's benefits were closed two weeks before he was required to submit information needed to maintain his benefits.

Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) 105, "Rights and Responsibilities," requires the Department to determine eligibility, provide benefits and protect client rights. In this case, it is found and determined that the Department failed to protect Claimant's rights when the Department terminated benefits without giving Claimant the opportunity to

provide the necessary information. All of the evidence in this case has been considered in its entirety. The Department is in error and shall be reversed.

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 denied Claimant's application     improperly denied Claimant's application  
 properly closed Claimant's case             improperly closed Claimant's case

for:     AMP    FIP    FAP    MA    SDA    CDC.

**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  AMP  FIP  FAP  MA  SDA  CDC decision is  AFFIRMED  REVERSED for the reasons stated on the record.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INITIATE THE FOLLOWING STEPS WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE MAILING OF THIS ORDER:

1. Reinstate Claimant's MA benefits effective March 1, 2013.
2. Provide retroactive and ongoing MA benefits to Claimant at the benefit level to which he is entitled.
3. All steps shall be taken in accordance with Department policy and procedure.



**Jan Leventer**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 13, 2013

Date Mailed: August 20, 2013

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

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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