

**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.: 2013-42757
Issue No.: 2018
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: July 18, 2013
County: Oakland (02)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

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 18, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], ES.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Claimant's case for Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA)?

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 received benefits for Medical Assistance (MA) under the TMA program.
2. On April 2, 2013, the Department notified Claimant that his group would have a deductible of \$137.00 as of May 1, 2013.
3. On April 23, 2013, Claimant requested a hearing.
4. On April 30, 2013, the Department closed Claimant's TMA case.
5. The Department did not present documentation at the hearing to show whether the Department determined Claimant's eligibility for MA-LIF (Low Income Family) based on a group size of six prior to closing Claimant's TMA case.

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.

BEM 111 instructs that TMA eligibility continues until the end of the 12-month period unless the family becomes eligible for LIF. In addition, an ex parte review is required before MA closures when there is an actual or anticipated change. When possible, an ex parte review should begin at least 90 days before the anticipated change is expected to result in case closure. The review includes consideration of all MA categories. BEM 105, p.4.

In the present case, at the hearing, the Department did not dispute that Claimant was in a group size of six with regard to MA-LIF. The Department did not present a budget at the hearing showing whether the Department determined Claimant's eligibility for all MA programs, including MA-LIF based on a group size of six, 90 days prior to closing Claimant's TMA case.

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 improperly closed Claimant's TMA case, as it did not conduct a proper ex parte review 90 days before the closure date.

DECISION AND ORDER

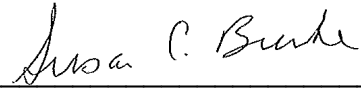
The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department did not act properly.

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

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

1. Initiate redetermination of Claimant's MA eligibility, with the effective date of January 30, 2013 (which is 90 days prior the date of the closure of Claimant's TMA case.)
2. Consider all programs for Claimant, including MA-LIF, using the proper group size for MA-LIF.

3. Notify Claimant in writing of the Department's MA eligibility determination, in accordance with Department policy.



Susan C. Burke

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

Date Signed: August 8, 2013

Date Mailed: August 8, 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 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 effect the substantial rights of the claimant:
 - the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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