

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-48284
Issue No.: 2001
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: July 23, 2013
County: Kent County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Corey A. Arendt

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 23, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Interpreting the hearing was [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny the Claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

I find as material fact, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record:

1. On April 16, 2013, the Claimant's daughter filled out an application for MA and indicated the Claimant's wife was not blind or disabled.
2. On May 2, 2013, the Department denied the Claimant's application for MA finding the claimant was not blind, aged (65 or older), or disabled.
3. On May 2, 2013, the Department sent the Claimant a notice of case action. The notice indicated the Claimant's MA application was being denied.
4. On May 13, 2013, the Claimant requested a hearing to dispute the MA denial.

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 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 AMP is established by 42 USC 1315, and is administered by the Department pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*

The goal of the Medicaid program is to ensure that essential health care services are made available to those who otherwise could not afford them. Medicaid is also known as Medical Assistance (MA). BEM 105 (2012), p. 1.

The Medicaid program is comprised of several sub-programs or categories. One category is FIP recipients. Another category is SSI recipients. There are several other categories for persons not receiving FIP or SSI. However, the eligibility factors for these categories are based on (related to) the eligibility factors in either the FIP or SSI program. Therefore, these categories are referred to as either FIP-related or SSI related. BEM 105 (2012), p. 1.

To receive MA under an SSI-related category, the person must be aged (65 or older), blind, disabled, entitled to Medicare or formerly blind or disabled. BEM 105 (2012), p. 1.

To receive FIP related MA, the Claimant must either have dependent children; be the caretaker relative of dependent children; be under the age of 21 or be pregnant. BEM 105 (2012), p. 1.

In this case, the Department denied MA for the Claimant's wife as the Claimant's wife was not blind, aged or disabled according to the April 16, 2013 MA application. Additionally, the Claimant did not have dependent children or was the caretaker relative of dependent children, under the age of 21 or pregnant. Therefore, the Claimant's wife did not qualify for MA benefits under any of the MA or FIP related MA criteria.

Based on the presented facts, I find the Department's actions were in conformity with the applicable laws and policies and therefore, I **AFFIRM** the Department's actions in this matter.

DECISION AND ORDER

I find the Department did act properly, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Accordingly, the Department's MA decision is **AFFIRMED**.



Corey A. Arendt
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 24, 2013

Date Mailed: July 24, 2013

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 - the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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