

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2014-13318
Issue No.: 2004
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: January 30, 2014
County: Wayne (49)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Christian Gardocki

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 telephone hearing was held on January 30, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants included Deb Ordiway of L&S Associates as Claimant's authorized hearing representative. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (DHS) included Rodney Turner, Specialist.

ISSUE

The issue is whether DHS failed to process medical expenses towards Claimant's Medicaid deductible.

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 an unspecified date, Claimant applied for Medical Assistance (MA) benefits, including retroactive MA benefits from [REDACTED].
2. On an unspecified date, DHS approved Medicaid subject to a \$1085 deductible for Claimant for the benefit months of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].
3. On an unspecified date, Claimant's AHR submitted to DHS Claimant's medical expenses from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

4. DHS failed to apply submitted medical expenses towards Claimant's Medicaid deductible.
5. On [REDACTED], Claimant's AHR requested a hearing to compel DHS to apply Claimant's previously submitted expenses from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] towards each month's Medicaid deductible.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

Prior to a substantive analysis of the hearing request, it should be noted that the request noted special arrangements in order for Claimant to participate and/or attend the hearing; specifically, a telephone hearing was requested. The request was granted and the hearing was conducted accordingly.

Claimant's AHR requested a hearing to dispute the alleged failure by DHS to process medical expenses towards Claimant's Medicaid deductible for the benefit months of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Meeting a deductible means reporting and verifying allowable medical expenses that equal or exceed the deductible amount for the calendar month tested. BEM 545 (7/2013), p. 11. The group must report expenses by the last day of the third month following the month in which the group wants MA coverage. *Id.*

DHS conceded that Claimant's AHR submitted medical expenses from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. DHS also conceded fault in failing to apply the medical expenses towards Claimant's Medicaid deductible. The DHS concession is consistent with DHS policy and the presented facts. Accordingly, DHS will be ordered to apply previously submitted medical expenses from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] towards Claimant's Medicaid deductible.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that DHS improperly failed to process Claimant's reported medical expenses. It is ordered that DHS apply Claimant's already submitted medical expenses from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] towards Claimant's Medicaid deductible.

The actions taken by DHS are **REVERSED**.



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

Date Signed: 2/18/2014

Date Mailed: 2/18/2014

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.

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Michigan Administrative Hearings
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