

**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.: 2014-13761  
Issue No.: 2001  
Case No.: ██████████  
Hearing Date: February 5, 2014  
County: Wayne (35)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Colleen M. Mamelka

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was conducted from Detroit, Michigan on Wednesday, February 5, 2014. Claimant appeared, along with his Authorized Hearing Representative, ██████████. (AHR), and testified. Participating on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) was ██████████

**ISSUE**

Whether Department properly activated Medical Assistance (MA) benefits on behalf of Claimant's spouse for the month of June 2011.

**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 and his spouse received MA benefits based in part, on having minor children in the home.
2. Claimant's spouse's MA coverage required she meet a ██████████ deductible. (Exhibit 1)
3. On June 1, 2011, documentation was submitted to the Department that confirmed the ██████████ deductible was met.

4. On December 29, 2011, the Department activated MA coverage for the month of June 2011. (Exhibit 1)
5. November 19, 2013, a request for hearing was received on behalf of Claimant based on the reported failure of the Department to activate MA coverage for the month of June 2011.

### **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 found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and the Bridges Reference Tables (RFT).

In this case, the parties agreed that Claimant's spouse met the required deductible on June 1, 2011, warranting the activation of MA coverage. The Department's records reflect coverage was opened; however, Claimant's AHR testified that as of the date of the hearing request, MA coverage was not showing for Claimant's spouse. Ultimately and as previously mentioned, MA coverage for the month of June 2011 should be open.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law finds the Department's actions are not upheld.

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

Activate MA coverage on behalf of Claimant's spouse for the month of June 2011 if not previously done so.



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Colleen M. Mamelka  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: February 10, 2014  
Date Mailed: February 11, 2014

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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.

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