

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2014-10654
Issue No.: 2002
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: January 22, 2014
County: Macomb (12)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

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, telephone hearing was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant and his mother, [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], ES.

ISSUE

Due to a failure to comply with the verification requirements, did the Department properly deny Claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA) benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, including testimony of witnesses, finds as material fact:

1. Claimant applied for MA benefits.
2. Claimant was required to submit requested verification by November 1, 2013.
3. The Department denied Claimant's MA application for the benefit period July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013.
4. On October 22, 2013, the Department sent Claimant notice of its action; however, the Department didn't deny Claimant's MA application until November 4, 2013, giving the Claimant an additional 3 days to return requested verifications.

5. On November 1, 2013, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's action.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

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.

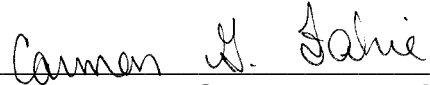
Additionally, the Claimant applied for MA on October 2, 2013. On October 22, 2013, the Department Caseworker sent the Claimant a Verification Checklist for written verification that was due November 1, 2013. Department Exhibit 1-2. The Claimant failed to provide the required verifications and his application was denied on November 4, 2013. Department Exhibit 3-4. BEM 400. BAM 130.

The Department met their burden the prove that the Claimant's MA application should be denied because the Claimant failed to provide verifications to determine MA eligibility.

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it denied the Claimant's application for MA for failure to provide the required verifications to determine eligibility for MA.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.


Carmen G. Fahie
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: February 4, 2014

Date Mailed: February 5, 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.

The written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088 and be labeled as follows:

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Michigan Administrative Hearings
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