

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 201416587  
Issue No(s).: [REDACTED]  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: January 30, 2014  
County: Ionia

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Gary F. Heisler

**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 Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included herself, her mother, and her sister. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Lead Child Support Specialist [REDACTED] and ES [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's October 28, 2013 Medical Assistance (MA) application for failure to cooperate with the Office of Child Support?

**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 October 23, 2013, the Office of Child Support placed Claimant in noncooperation for failing to provide information on the noncustodial parent of her child.
2. On October 28, 2013, Claimant submitted an application for Medical Assistance (MA) benefits.
3. On November 26, 2013, the Department denied Claimant's application due to her noncooperation with the Office of Child Support. Claimant was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) informing her of the eligibility determination.
4. On December 6, 2013, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's actions.

**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.

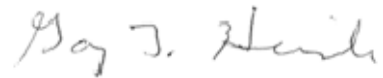
Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 255 Child Support (2013) page 1 states "The custodial parent or alternative caretaker of children must comply with all requests for action or information needed to establish paternity and/or obtain child support on behalf of children for whom they receive assistance, unless a claim of good cause for not cooperating has been granted or is pending." Page 9 states that cooperation is a condition of eligibility.

During this hearing Claimant testified that she went to a party where she did not know anyone, blacked out and after that was pregnant and had STDs. Claimant also testified that she made no effort to find out who the father was and did not want to find out. Claimant's testimony establishes that she is not, and will not cooperate with the Office of Child Support.

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon 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 Claimant's October 28, 2013 Medical Assistance (MA) application for failure to cooperate with the Office of Child Support.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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



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Gary F. Heisler  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 02/18/2014

Date Mailed: 02/18/2014

**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.

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

Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request

If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

Michigan Administrative Hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P.O. Box 30639  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

GFH/sw

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