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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2014-19453

Issue No(s).: 2007

Case No.: Hearing Date:

February 6, 2014

County: Kalamazoo

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael S. Newell

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 wa sheld on February 6, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Eligibility Specialist.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly cancel Claimant's AMP benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on t he competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

- 1. On December 13, the Department issued a Notice of Case Action terminating Claimant's Adult Medicaid Program Benefits due to fugitive felon status.
- The worker testified that December 27, 2013 Bridges notified the Department that Claimant was not a fugitive felon and backdated the clearance to October 25, 2013.
- 3. On December 19, 2013, the Department received CI aimant's hearing request regarding MA benefits.
- On October 24, 2013, the Claimant requested a hearing regarding his F AP benefits.
- 5. A hearing was held on that matter on December 5, 2013, and on December 6, 2013, Administrative Law J udge (ALJ) issue a hearing decision. (Exhibit 1).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained in the Department of Human Service s Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), D epartment of Human Service es Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

The Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by 42 USC 1315 and is administered by the Department pursuant to MCL 400.10.

Additionally, Claimant and the worker requested that the undersigned ALJ reinstate Claimant's FAP benefits that closed in October. The AL J does not have jurisdiction in this matter. This issue was addressed by ALJ and the undersigned ALJ lacks any authority regarding ALJ decision. The appeal rights for Judge decision are stated on the decision (Exhibit 1). Nothing in the hearing record indic ates that the Department took any negative action regarding F AP from the time of the October closure to the date of Claimant's hearing request, nor does the hearing filed with respect to this case request a hearing regarding FAP benefits. Claimant may wish to reapply for FAP if he has not already done so, but this Decision does not address Claimant's FAP benefits.

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 failed to satisfy its burden of showing t hat it acted in accordance with Department policy when it closed Claimant's MA benefits.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WIT H DE PARTMENT P OLICY AND CONSIS TENT WIT H THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Reinstate AMP benefits to the closure date and reinstate eligibility.

Michael S. Newell Administrative Law Judge for Maura Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Michael & Newell

Date Signed: February 28, 2014

Date Mailed: February 28, 2014

NOTICE OF AP PEAL: The claimant may appeal the Dec ision and Order to Circu it Court within 30 days of the receipt of the Decision and Order or, i f a timely Request for Rehearing or Reconsiderati on was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the Decision and Order of Reconsideration or Rehearing Decision.

Michigan Administrative Hearing Syst em (MAHS) may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a par ty within 30 days of the mailing date of this Dec ision and Order. MAHS will not order a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's mo tion where the final decis ion cannot be implemented within 90 days of the filing of the original request (60 days for FAP cases).

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- Newly disc overed evidence that existed at the time of the or iginal 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.

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MSN/hj

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