

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2014-23546  
Issue No(s): 3007  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: February 18, 2014  
County: Macomb #12

**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 was held on February 18, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] Eligibility Specialist

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's MA?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. The worker testified that Claimant's benefits at issue in this case were restored on December 7, 2013.
2. On December 30, 2013, the Department issued a Notice of Case Action denying Claimant for Medicaid.
3. On January 23, 2013, the Department received Claimant's hearing request, challenging the Department regarding his FAP and MA..
4. Claimant withdrew his FAP request during the hearing because he was satisfied with the Department regarding his FAP benefits.

**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), Department of Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

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 Worker testified that she did not know what other workers may have done in the case, but that she restored benefits on December 7, 2013. The worker later conceded that the December 30, 2013 Notice would have altered the previous decision on December 7, 2013. The worker was not prepared to explain the Department's decision issued December 30, 2013. Consequently, the December 30, 2013 decision is reversed.

The Department also cancelled Claimant's Medicaid on January 31, 2014 but did not issue a negative action notice. The Administrative Law Judge lacks jurisdiction on this matter because it occurred after Claimant filed his hearing request. Claimant may wish to file another hearing request promptly, but the ALJ expresses no opinion on this matter.

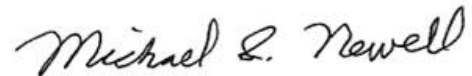
The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it denied Claimant's Medicaid on December 30, 2013.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Reinstate benefits to the closure date and redetermine Claimant's benefits.



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

Date Signed: February 28, 2014

Date Mailed: February 28, 2014

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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.

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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  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P.O. Box 30639  
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