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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2013 64144 Issue No(s).: 2001 Case No.: Hearing Date: County: Wayne (35)

February 24, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lynn M. Ferris

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 three-way telephone hearing was held on February 24, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative. The Claimant did not appear.

Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included , ES.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly process the Claimant's Group 2U Medical Assistance Application?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- The Claimant was eligible for Group 2U MA but the Department had not activated 1. coverage for December 2012 so that Claimant's medical bills could be processed.
- 2. At the hearing the Department conceded that the Claimant was eligible for Group 2U MA in December 2012 and provided an eligibility summary showing approved coverage for December 2012. Exhibit 1

- 3. The Department also advised that a DHS 1038 billing exception was required to be issued so that Claimant's medical bills could be processed.
- 4. The Claimant's AHR requested a hearing on August 6, 2013 requesting that coverage for December 2012 for the Claimant be activated.

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, at the hearing the Department produced evidence that Group 2U coverage for the Claimant was active for December 2012. Exhibit 1. The Department indicated that a DHS 1038 to allow billing exception was required so that medical bills could be processed and that a DHS1038 had not been issued.

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

⊠ did not act in accordance with Department policy when it did not initially activate coverage for December 2012 and did not issue a DHS 1038 so that medical bills could be paid.

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. The Department is ordered to issue a DHS 1038 so that Claimant's medical bills may be processed.
- 2. The Department is to provide the Claimant's AHR a copy of the DHS 1038 and Exhibit 1.

Lynn M. Ferris Administrative Law Judge for Maura Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: March 13, 2014

Date Mailed: March 13, 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.

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- 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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