

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201410636
Issue No(s): 2010
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: January 22, 2014
County: Wayne (18)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Robert J. Chavez

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 22, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], APW.

ISSUE

With respect to the Adult Medical Assistance Program (AMP), did the Department properly deny Claimant's application? close Claimant's case?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Claimant applied for received AMP benefits.
2. Claimant was was not living with a spouse during the time period in question.
3. The total countable income of Claimant's household was \$558 during the time relevant to this matter.
4. The Department denied Claimant's application closed Claimant's case due to excess income.

5. On [REDACTED], the Department sent notice of its decision to Claimant/Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR).
6. On [REDACTED], Claimant/Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR) filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's action.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

Additionally, claimant had submitted employment verifications to the Department confirming his earned income, which, after allowable deductions, came to a net amount of \$558 per month. While claimant disputed his current earned income amount, claimant's earned income was consistent for at least three months prior to the redetermination in question, and consistent with the amount used in the AMP budget. Furthermore, the Department testified credibly that an ex parte review had been conducted.

Therefore, as this reported income was above the income threshold for the AMP program, the Department properly closed the case in question.

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.
- did not act in accordance with Department policy.
- failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's AMP decision is AFFIRMED REVERSED.



Robert J. Chavez
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 2/12/2014

Date Mailed: 2/12/2014

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

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