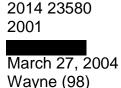
#### STATE OF MICHIGAN MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

### IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: Issue No(s).: Case No.: Hearing Date: County:



## ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jacquelyn A. McClinton

### **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 March 27, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant; Claimant's husband, and Interpreter, and Interpreter, of Human Services (Department) included worker.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly approve Claimant for emergency services only benefits under the Medical Assistance (MA) program?

### **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 MA benefits on January 13, 2014.
- 2. Claimant failed to complete the citizenship information on the application.
- 3. On January 16, 2014, the Department sent Claimant a Notice of Case Action, notifying her that she had been approved for emergency services only under the MA program effective January 1, 2014.
- 4. On January 22, 2014, Claimant filed a hearing request, disputing the Department's action.

## 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 Department must determine the alien status of each non-citizen requesting benefits at application, member addition, redetermination, and when a change is reported. BEM 225 (January 2014), p 1. To be eligible for full MA coverage a person must be a U.S. citizen or an alien admitted to the U.S. under a specific immigration status. BEM 225, p. 2.

Claimant applied for MA benefits on January 13, 2014. She failed to complete the citizenship information on the application. Department policy requires MA coverage to be limited to emergency services only if a person refuses to provide citizenship/alien status information. BEM 225, p. 3. During the hearing, Claimant confirmed that she came to the United States from Bangladesh on November 30, 2013 and that she was not a refugee or seeking asylum.

Claimant indicated that she has a permanent residency card which is due to expire on November 30, 2023. Claimant did not provide any evidence of any exception that would allow her to receive full MA benefits. BEM 225, pp. 7-8. When Claimant requested a hearing, she simply requested that she be given full MA benefits because she is pregnant, which is not a basis to receive full MA benefits if the individual is not a citizen or otherwise eligible alien. (BEM 126 (July 2013), p. 1.

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 when it approved Claimant for emergency services only under the MA program.

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.

JAĆQÚELYN A. MCCLINTON Administrative Law Judge for Maura Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 7, 2014

Date Mailed: April 7, 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

JAM/cl

# 2014-23580/JAM

