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#### IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 201433045

Issue No.: Case No.:

2004

Hearing Date:

April 22, 2014

County: Wayne County DHS #35

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Kevin Scully

#### **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 April 22, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Inc. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Inc. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included

# ISSUE

Whether the Department of Human Services (Department) properly processed the Claimant's application for assistance?

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. The Department received the Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) application for assistance on February 4, 2010.
- 2. The Department registered the Claimant's application for assistance on May 20, 2010.
- 3. The Department received the Claimant's request for a hearing on May 31, 2011, protesting the Department's failure to properly process the Claimant's application for assistance.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

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Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and MCL 400.105.

The Department received the Claimant's application for assistance on February 4, 2010, but the application received a registered date of May 20, 2010. The Department conceded that the application was complete when submitted and should be registered as of May 20, 2010.

The Department's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility determination is therefore reversed.

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

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 processed the Claimant's application for assistance.

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. Process the Claimant's February 4, 2010, application for assistance in accordance with policy.

Kevin Scully
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: <u>04/23/2014</u>

Date Mailed: <u>04/24/2014</u>

**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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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

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