

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 201427793  
Issue No(s) : 2002, 3000, 4002  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: March 18, 2014  
County: Ingham County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Gary F. Heisler

**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 18, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included himself. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included AP [REDACTED] and AP Supervisor [REDACTED]. During the hearing it was determined that there are no Food Assistance Program (FAP) issues involved. The Food Assistance Program (FAP) portion of this request for hearing is dismissed.

**ISSUE**

Due to a failure to comply with the verification requirements, did the Department properly deny Claimant's November 12, 2013 application for Medical Assistance (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA)?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. On November 13, 2013, Claimant submitted an application for Medical Assistance (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA).
2. On November 14, 2013, Claimant was sent a Medical Determination Verification Checklist (DHS-3503-MRT). The requested verifications were due by November 25, 2013.
3. On December 3, 2013, the Department had not received the verifications. Claimant was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated the application was denied.

4. On February 7, 2014, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting 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), and Department of Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

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.

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program is established by the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-119b. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3151-.3180.

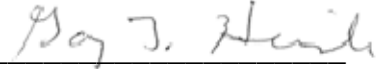
Claimant does not dispute that the medical documents were not submitted by November 25, 2013. Claimant testified that he did not receive the Medical Determination Verification Checklist (DHS-3503-MRT) until December 4, 2013, the same day he received the denial notice. Claimant was asked if there was any known reason the mail would arrive three weeks late. Claimant testified he did not know and could only speculate it was because of the holidays.

The proper mailing and addressing of a letter creates a presumption of receipt. That presumption may be rebutted by evidence. *Stacey v Sankovich*, 19 Mich App 638 (1969); *Good v Detroit Automobile Inter-Insurance Exchange*, 67 Mich App 270 (1976). The only holiday during the time in question was Thanksgiving on November 28, 2013, three days after the verifications were due back. The Medical Determination Verification Checklist (DHS-3503-MRT) was properly addressed and there is no evidence in this record to indicate it was not mailed timely. There is insufficient evidence in this record to rebut the presumption of delivery.

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 denied Claimant's November 12, 2013 application for failure to provide verifications.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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



Gary F. Heisler  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: March 25, 2014

Date Mailed: March 25, 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

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