

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 2014-28311  
Issue No(s): 2002  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: April 28, 2014  
County: Macomb (20)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Susan C. Burke

**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 hearing was held on April 28, 2014, in Warren, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Hearings Facilitator.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) case due to failure to provide requested information?

**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 received MA.
2. The Department issued a Verification Checklist (VCL) on August 1, 2013, requesting completed Medical Social Questionnaire and Activities of Daily Living forms as well as medical records, by August 12, 2013.
3. Claimant submitted the completed forms to the Department by August 12, 2013 and attempted to obtain the medical records by August 12, 2013.
4. Claimant's health care provider did not provide the medical records, as Claimant requested, by August 12, 2013.

5. On September 17, 2013, the Department issued a Notice of Case Action, closing Claimant's MA case effective October 1, 2013 due to failure to provide requested information.
6. On September 30, 2013, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's actions.

### **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.

Clients must cooperate with the local DHS office in obtaining verification for determining initial and ongoing eligibility. BAM 105; BAM 130. The client should be allowed 10 calendar days to provide the verification. BAM 130. (7/2013) If the client refuses to provide the information or has not made a reasonable effort within the specified time period, then policy directs that a negative action be issued. *Id.*

In the present case, Claimant made a reasonable effort to submit the requested documentation to the Department in a timely manner, in that Claimant submitted to the Department the documentation that was in his control. However, Claimant could not control his health care provider. Claimant requested that his health care provider submit the forms to the Department, but the provider did not do so. In addition, Claimant notified the Department in a timely manner that he had given the VCL to the provider. Therefore, it is not found that Claimant failed to cooperate with the Department.

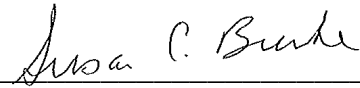
The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department did not act in accordance with Department policy.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's decision is REVERSED.

1. Reinstate Claimant's MA case, effective October 1, 2013, if Claimant is otherwise eligible for MA.

2. Notify Claimant in writing of the Department's determination of eligibility.



**Susan C. Burke**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 5/9/2014

Date Mailed: 5/9/2014

**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:

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If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

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