

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

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Reg. No.: 14-002721  
Issue No.: 2007  
Case No.: ██████████  
Hearing Date: June 18, 2014  
County: Wayne (35-Redford)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Michael J. Bennane

**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 June 18, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant ██████████  
████████████████████ Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) Medicare cost sharing program 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. On November 22, 2013, Claimant applied for Medical Assistance (MA) including Medicare cost-sharing program.
2. On December 31, 2013, the Department closed Claimant's Medicare cost-sharing program case when it erroneously attempted to transfer the Medicare cost-sharing to another non-existent case.
3. The Department made a help desk request on April 17, 2014, in an attempt to correct the error.
4. On May 5, 2014, Claimant requested a hearing to protest the closure of his Medicare cost-sharing case.

### **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 Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396-1396w-5; 42 USC 1315; the Affordable Care Act of 2010, the collective term for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152; and 42 CFR 430.10-.25. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10, and MCL 400.105-.112k.

At the hearing, the Department testified that a “help desk” request to add Medicare cost-sharing to Claimant’s MA benefits had been established. According to the Department, the issue was resolved and Claimant now receives Medicare cost-sharing as of January 1, 2014, ongoing.

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 .
- did not act in accordance with Department policy when it .
- failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it was unable to provide documentation that the Claimant's Medicare cost-sharing benefits had been restored back to the date of their removal.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department’s decision is

- AFFIRMED.
- REVERSED.
- AFFIRMED IN PART with respect to                      and REVERSED IN PART with respect to .
- 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. Document that Claimant's Medicare cost sharing benefits were restored back to January 1, 2014, and that Claimant's MA benefits have been supplemented for any missed benefits.



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**Michael J. Bennane**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **6/23/2014**

Date Mailed: **6/25/2014**

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A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Hearing Decision from the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) within 30 days of the mailing date of this Hearing Decision, or MAHS may order a rehearing or reconsideration on its own motion.

MAHS may grant a party's Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration 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 party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration 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 this Hearing Decision is mailed.

A written request may be faxed or mailed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088 and be labeled as follows:

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