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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.:20Issue No.:20Case No.:20Hearing Date:JuCounty:W

2014-21944 2001

June 9, 2014 Wayne (82-41)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jonathan W. Owens

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; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; and 45 CFR 205.10. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on June 9, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant,

Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included

<u>ISSUE</u>

Whether the Department properly processed Claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA-P) program benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. On June 27, 2013, a filing form was submitted on behalf of Claimant with a request for retro MA back to March 2013.
- 2. On August 16, 2013, the Department registered the request as an application for August 16, 2013, and sent the medical packet to the Medical Review Team (MRT).
- 3. On October 21, 2013, the MRT denied Claimant's request.

3. On January 7, 2014, Claimant's representative submitted to the Department a request for hearing.

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.

In the instant case, Claimant's representative filed a hearing request to protest the denial of MA-P benefits. At hearing, it was discovered the Department, when processing the request for benefits, utilized the wrong date for application. The Department processed the request as an August 16, 2013, application instead of June 27, 2013, with retro back to March 2013. The Medical Review Team (MRT), therefore, never issued a determination regarding the months of March through July 2013. The Department at hearing agreed to resubmit Claimant's medical packet to MRT with the correct application date including the request for retro MA back to March 2013. The Department agreed to issue a new notice of case action once MRT made a determination. Claimant's representative agreed to this action being taken.

DECISION AND ORDER

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. Initiate processing of the June 27, 2013, application including the request for retro MA back to March 2013;

2. Issue a written determination to Claimant and her representative.

Jonathan W. Owens Administrative Law Judge for Maura Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: June 11, 2014

Date Mailed: June 11, 2014

NOTICE OF APPEAL: A party may appeal this Hearing Decision in the circuit court in the county in which he/she resides or has its principal place of business in the State, or the circuit court in Ingham County, within 30 days of the receipt date.

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.

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