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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: Issue No(s).: Case No.: Hearing Date: County:

2014-30815 6001 May 15, 2014

Macomb (50-12)

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, an in-person hearing was held on May 15, 2014, from Clinton Township, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant **Mathematical Mathematical Claimant Mathematical Mathematical Claimant Mathematical Mathematical Claimant Mathematical**

ISSUE

Did the Department properly process Claimant's request for Child Daycare (CDC) benefits?

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 December 10, 2013, a fax was received by the Department from Claimant with a provider's card and a request for the child care provider form.
- 2. On December 11, 2013, a telephone interview was completed with Claimant as part of a redetermination for Food Assistance and Medical Assistance benefits.
- 3. A CDC form was faxed to Claimant's place of business.
- 4. On January 14, 2014, an application for CDC benefits was faxed to the Department indicating a different child daycare provider.

- 5. On February 4, 2014, a CDC verification was sent out with a due date of February 14, 2014.
- 6. On February 6, 2014, a CDC provider form was returned to the Department with the first provider listed.
- 7. An extension was granted for the verifications to be returned. The new due date was established as March 3, 2014.
- 8. On February 25, 2014, a hearing request was filed.

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 Child Development and Care (CDC) program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 601-619, 670-679c, and 1397-1397m-5; the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, PL 101-508, 42 USC 9858 to 9858q; and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, PL 104-193. The program is implemented by 45 CFR 98.1-99.33. The Department administers the program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and Mich Admin Code, R 400.5001-.5020.

Claimant asserted she applied for CDC and was approved beginning June 30, 2013. The Department was not able to choose the provider Claimant had requested. The Department indicated that Claimant's requested provider was not eligible based upon her appearing to have an end date entered in BRIDGES. The Department testified that Claimant has been active for CDC benefits.

The Department agreed to attempt to input the providers Claimant will provide going back to June 2013. Claimant will provide verification of daycare need along with the list of child daycare provider.

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. The Department is to request a list of child daycare providers from Claimant going back to June 30, 2013, along with a verification of child daycare need;

2. The Department shall notify the Claimant of the results in writing.

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

Date Signed: June 2, 2014

Date Mailed: June 2, 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.

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