

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 14-004949  
Issue No.: 2001  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: August 26, 2014  
County: Huron

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Kevin Scully

**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 August 26, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly apply the Claimant's medical expenses to his Medical Assistance (MA) deductible for November of 2013?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. The Claimant is an ongoing Medical Assistance (MA) recipient.
2. On June 10, 2014, the Claimant provided the Department with verification of a medical expenses for medical services incurred on November 15, 2013.
3. On June 19, 2014, the Department notified the Claimant that the November 15, 2013, medical expense could not be applied to his November 2013 deductible.
4. On June 19, 2014, the Department received the Claimant's request for a hearing, protesting the Department's refusal to apply the Claimant's medical expense to his November 2013 deductible.

### **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.

A Medical Assistance (MA) recipient must report expenses by the last day of the third month following the month in which the group wants Medical Assistance (MA) coverage. Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 545 (July 1, 2013), p 11.


In this case, the Claimant is an ongoing Medical Assistance (MA) recipient, and on July 10, 2014, the Claimant submitted verification of a medical expenses incurred for medical services incurred on November 15, 2013. On June 19, 2014, the Department notified the Claimant that the November 15, 2013, medical expense could not be applied to his November 2103 deductible.

The Claimant is not the cause of his medical expense being submitted to the Department late, but Department policy still prevents this expense being applied to the November 2013 deductible. The authority of this Administrative Law Judge is limited to determining whether the Department properly applied its policies to the Claimant's circumstances.

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 refused to apply the Claimant's November 15, 2013, medical expense towards his November 2013, deductible because it was not submitted in a timely manner.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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

  
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Kevin Scully  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **9/3/2014**

Date Mailed: **9/3/2014**

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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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