

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 14-010225  
Issue No.: 2001  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: October 21, 2014  
County: Wayne (82) (Adult Medical)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Darryl Johnson

**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 October 21, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Family Independence Manager [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly process Claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA) 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. Claimant applied for retroactive MA on July 2, 2014.
2. The Department approved Claimant's application, effective July 1, 2014, but the Bridges system cannot accommodate retroactive coverage.
3. On August 18, 2014, the Department received Claimant's hearing request.

**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.

As stated in BAM 115 (7/1/14), p. 11:

Retro MA coverage is available back to the first day of the third calendar month prior to:

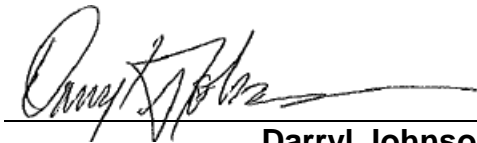
- The current application for FIP and MA applicants and persons applying to be added to the group.
- The most recent application (**not** renewal) for FIP and MA recipients.
- For SSI, entitlement to SSI.

Claimant was approved for MA, and for retro MA coverage. Her application was in July, and she should have been provided coverage for the months of April, May, and June 2014. The Department agrees that she is eligible for coverage, but Bridges (the Department's computer information system) is incapable at this time of recognizing that she should have that coverage. This is not a situation unique to Claimant; it is affecting many other MA recipients. A help ticket will not even suffice to resolve the issue. It is expected to be resolved in November 2014.

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 approved Claimant for retro MA coverage. The undersigned lacks the authority to order the Department to act with any more speed in resolving the Bridges issue.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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



**Darryl Johnson**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **10/22/2014**

Date Mailed: **10/22/2014**

DJ / jaf

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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.

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Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P.O. Box 30639  
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