

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 14-010688  
Issue No.: 2009  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: November 05, 2014  
County: Tuscola

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Bill Sundquist

**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, an in person hearing was held on November 5, 2015, from Caro, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED], claimant's representative. Claimant did not appear. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED]

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly **deny claimant as an SSI recipient automatic retro MA-P eligibility for November 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. On November 19, 2013 claimant had a disabling stroke.
2. On December 6, 2013 claimant applied for SSI with an approved onset date of December 2, 2013.
3. On June 30, 2014 claimant applied for retro MA-P for November 2013.
4. MRT refused to evaluate the retro period because of prior decision on an application dated November 27, 2013.

**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.

Ongoing MA eligibility begins the first day of the month of SSI entitlement. Some clients also qualify for retroactive (retro) MA coverage for up to three calendar months prior to SSI entitlement; see BAM 115...BEM 150 p 9.

Retro MA coverage is available back to the first day of the third calendar month prior to entitlement to SSI....BAM 115, p11.

To be eligible for a retro MA month, the person must have an unpaid medical expense incurred during the month... BAM 115

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 did not act in accordance with Department policy when it denied retro payment for November 2013.

### **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. Make retroactive payment for the month of November 2013, provided the claimant otherwise financial eligibility requirements



**Bill Sundquist**

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

Date Signed: **11/12/2014**

Date Mailed: **11/12/2014**

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

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- 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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