

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 14-010783
Issue No.: 2001
Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: November 19, 2014
County: WAYNE- (17)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jacquelyn A. McClinton

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 November 19, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included ██████████, Claimant's wife (Grantee); ██████████, Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR); and ██████████ Interpreter. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████, Family Independence Specialist.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly process Claimant's February 1, 2012 application for Retroactive 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. On February 1, 2012, Claimant submitted an application for Retroactive MA benefits.
2. On September 8, 2014, Claimant filed a Request for Hearing to prompt the Department to process Claimant's February 1, 2012 application.

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.

Additionally, when the Department receives an application for assistance, it is to be registered and processed in accordance with Department policies. The standard of promptness begins the date the Department receives an application/filing form, with minimum required information. BAM 115 (July 2013), p. 15. The Department is to certify program approval or denial of the application within 45 days and upon certification of eligibility results, the Department is to notify clients in writing of positive and negative actions by generating the appropriate notice of case action. After processing an initial application, the Department will notify clients of the approval or denial. BAM 115, pp. 13-25; BAM 220 (July 2013), pp. 1, 19-20.

In this case, Claimant submitted an application for retroactive MA benefits on March 22, 2012, seeking coverage beginning February 1, 2012. The Department testified that the February 1, 2012 Retroactive MA application was denied. However, the Department stated that Claimant was approved for MA benefits beginning May 2012. It is unclear if Claimant was approved for MA benefits in May 2012 as a result of the February 2012 application or a new application. Claimant's AHR testified that a printout from a medical institution providing services to Claimant showed that Claimant's MA benefits were effective March 2012. The Department was unable to provide an eligibility summary to show exactly when Claimant's MA coverage began.

Claimant's AHR stated that she never received notice of a decision from the Department regarding Claimant's February 1, 2012 application. The Department was unable to locate the Notice of Case Action sent to Claimant and/or his AHR notifying of the denial. Accordingly, it is found that the Department provided no evidence to establish that the February 1, 2012 application for Retroactive MA benefits was processed.

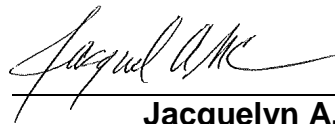
The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department did not act in accordance with policy when it failed to process Claimant's February 1, 2012 application and/or failed to provide notice of its decision.

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. Reregister and reprocess Claimant's February 1, 2012 Retroactive MA application;
2. Issue supplements to providers if Claimant's February 1, 2012 Retroactive MA application is approved; and
3. Notify Claimant and his AHR in writing of its decision.



Jacquelyn A. McClinton
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **11/20/2014**

Date Mailed: **11/20/2014**

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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.

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.

A written request may be faxed or mailed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088 and be labeled as follows:

Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request

If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

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