

**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.: 14-001726
Issue No.: 2007
Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: June 2, 2014
County: WAYNE- 35 (REDFORD)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: ROBERT J. CHAVEZ

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 June 2, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included AHR ██████████. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████ Hearings Facilitator.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny claimant's January, 2012 MA application?

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 ☐ received:
☐ FIP ☐ FAP ☒ MA ☐ AMP ☐ SDA ☐ CDC ☐ DSS ☐ SSP
benefits.
2. On January 8, 2014, the Department
☐ denied Claimant's application ☒ closed Claimant's case ☐ changed
Claimant's benefit allotment due to a failure to return verification.
3. On January 8, 2014, the Department sent Claimant/Claimant's Authorized
Representative (AR) its decision.

On April 2, 2014, Claimant/Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR) filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's actions.

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.

After opening the record, the Department admitted error in the current case, and stated affirmatively that steps were required to correct the action taken with regards to claimant's benefit case. Therefore, no other findings are necessary.

In the current case, the Department testified that it must send a currently dated notice of case action properly denying the January, 2012 MA application and correctly stating the reasons for that denial in order to correct the action take with regard to claimant's current benefits case. Furthermore, the Department will send a document showing the calculations used for the determination of claimant's liquid assets to claimant and their AHR. Hearing rights with regards to the January, 2012 application are preserved, and timeliness will not begin to run until a proper notice of case action is sent.

The Administrative Law Judge therefore holds that the Department must take the action stated.

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 .
- ☒ did not act in accordance with Department policy when it sent an improper notice of case action.
- ☐ failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it .

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is

- ☐ AFFIRMED.
- ☒ 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. Send a currently dated notice of case action properly denying the January, 2012 MA application and correctly stating the reasons for that denial.
2. Send a document showing the calculations used for the determination of claimant's liquid assets to claimant and their AHR.
3. Hearing rights with regards to the January, 2012 MA application are preserved, and timeliness will not begin to run until a proper notice of case action is sent to claimant and their AHR.



ROBERT J. CHAVEZ
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 6/10/14

Date Mailed: 6/10/14

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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:

Michigan Administrative Hearings
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
P.O. Box 30639
Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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