

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 14-008146  
Issue No.: 2001  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: September 18, 2014  
County: DHS SSPC-WEST

**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 three-way telephone hearing was held on September 18, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Hearings Facilitator [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine Claimant's eligibility for Medical Assistance (MA)?

**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 June 9, 2014, Claimant applied for MA.
2. On June 25, 2014, the Department mistakenly denied Claimant's application for failure to return a Health Care Coverage Supplemental Questionnaire; she had returned the completed questionnaire in time for it to be processed.
3. On July 14, 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.

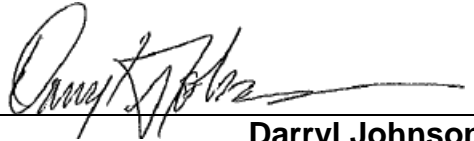
Claimant receives income of [REDACTED] per month. She is, as she put it, "well over age 64." She questions how the Department expects her to pay an [REDACTED] monthly deductible when her electric bill is [REDACTED] per month. She has an oxygen concentrator due to health issues, and that results in an expensive electric bill each month.

Claimant requested a hearing when the Department originally denied her application in error. She was supposed to submit the questionnaire response by June 19, 2014. The Department received it on June 20, 2014. On June 25, her application was erroneously denied. The Department received her hearing request on July 14, 2014, and then on July 15, 2014, it issued a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (Exhibit 1 Pages 16-17) providing her with coverage beginning June 1, 2014, with an [REDACTED] monthly deductible. The Department's budget is included as page 15 of Exhibit 1. There is no evidence that the Department erred in its calculation of her deductible.

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 originally erred in denying Claimant's application, but it subsequently cured that error by providing her with benefits. The Department acted in accordance with policy when it determined Claimant's monthly deductible.

### **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: **9/22/2014**

Date Mailed: **9/22/2014**

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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.

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