

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 14-008810
Issue No.: 2011
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: October 08, 2014
County: ST. CLAIR

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary Heisler

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 8, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included her authorized hearing representative [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Office of Child Support Lead Worker [REDACTED] and Hearing Facilitator [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Claimant Medical Assistance benefits for October 2013 due to child support noncooperation status?

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 18, 2013, Claimant was in cooperation status with the Office of Child Support.
2. On October 11, 2014, Claimant was issued a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated she was not eligible for Medical Assistance during October 2013 due to child support noncooperation status.
3. On May 14, 2014, Claimant was sent a Benefit Notice (DHS-176) which stated she was not eligible for Medical Assistance during October 2013 due to non-compliance with Office of Child Support.
4. On July 30, 2014, Claimant's authorized hearing representative [REDACTED], submitted a 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.

During this hearing, Office of Child Support Lead Worker Dolton testified that Claimant's status in the BRIDGES program is incorrect and that February 18, 2013 is the correct date of cooperation.

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 Claimant Medical Assistance benefits for October 2013 due to child support noncooperation status.

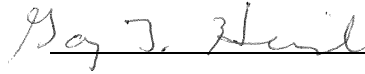
DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision **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. Change (backdate) Claimant's date of cooperation in the BRIDGES data base to February 18, 2013.

2. Re-determine Claimant's Medical Assistance eligibility for the month of October 2013 and issue a current notice of the eligibility determination.



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

Date Signed: **11/3/2014**

Date Mailed: **11/3/2014**

GFH/hj

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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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