

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 14-014941
Issue No.: 2001
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: February 4, 2015
County: Genesee (2) Mc Cree

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 February 4, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Eligibility Specialist [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's application for retroactive Medicaid (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. Claimant submitted an online application for MA on April 23, 2014. (Exhibit A Pages 15-23.) That application requested retroactive MA for January, February, and March 2014.
2. On April 24, 2014, the Department received an application from L&S Associates, Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR). (Exhibit A Pages 5-14.) That application requested retroactive MA for February, March, and April 2014. (Exhibit A Page 11.)
3. On May 10, 2014, the Department denied Claimant's eligibility, based upon the April 23 application. (Exhibit A Pages 29-30.) A copy of the denial was mailed to Claimant, but not to the AR.

4. The Department denied the application, finding that Claimant had coverage on another case.
5. The Department subsequently discovered that Claimant had no coverage on any other case.
6. On October 9, 2014, the Department received a hearing request from the AR because the AR had not received a decision on its 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.

Per BEM 150, p 1 (1/1/14), "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." Per BAM 115 p 11 (7/1/14),

"Retro MA coverage is available back to the first day of the third calendar month prior to:

- The current application for FIP and MA applicants and persons applying to be added to the group.
- The most recent application (not renewal) for FIP and MA recipients.
- For SSI, entitlement to SSI."

If Claimant otherwise meets the eligibility criteria, he was entitled to retroactive MA coverage back to the first day of the third calendar month prior to the current application for MA.

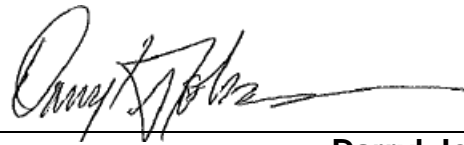
The Department acknowledged that it erroneously denied the application. The AR was unaware that another application had been submitted directly by the Claimant, and was unaware that the other application had been denied. The Department should have provided the AR with notice that the application was denied. More importantly, the Department should have correctly processed the application.

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's application for retroactive MA.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **REVERSED**.

1. The Department shall initiate a redetermination as to whether Claimant is entitled to retroactive and/or supplemental MA benefits as provided by applicable policies.



Darryl Johnson
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Interim Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **2/9/2015**

Date Mailed: **2/9/2015**

DJ/jaf

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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.

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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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