

**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.: 14-017455
Issue No.: 2001
Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: March 05, 2015
County: Wayne-District 57 (Conner)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Zainab Baydoun

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 March 5, 2015, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████, PATH Family Independence Specialist (Glendale/Trumbull District), and ██████████, Family Independence Manager/Hearings Facilitator (Conner District).

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) case?

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 was an ongoing recipient of MA benefits.
2. On November 6, 2014, the Department sent Claimant a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice informing her that effective December 1, 2014, she was determined to be ineligible for MA benefits on the basis that she was not under age 21, pregnant, or a caretaker of a minor child in her home, that she was not over age 65 (aged), blind, or disabled. (Exhibit A)
3. On November 25, 2014, Claimant submitted a hearing request disputing 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.

Claimant submitted a hearing request disputing the closure of her MA case effective December 1, 2014. At the hearing, the Department testified that Claimant was an ongoing recipient of MA benefits under the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP). Initially, the Department stated that after receiving a completed New Hire report from Claimant, the Department determined that she was no longer eligible for MA benefits based on her income. The Department presented a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice for review at the hearing which establishes that the Department closed Claimant's MA case on the basis that she was not under age 21, pregnant, or a caretaker of a minor child in her home, that she was not over age 65 (aged), blind, or disabled, and not due to any income eligibility issues. (Exhibit A).

The Department testified that Claimant's monthly income was well below the income limit for the HMP MA program and there was no correlation between the New Hire report and the Health Care Coverage Determination Notice. The Department also stated that it is possible that Claimant's MA case was closed in error.

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 failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it closed Claimant's MA case effective December 1, 2014.

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. Reinstate Claimant's MA case effective December 1, 2014, ongoing;
2. Provide Claimant with MA benefits under the most beneficial category from December 1, 2014, ongoing; and
3. Notify Claimant in writing of its decision.



Zainab Baydoun
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Interim Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **04/01/2015**

Date Mailed: **04/01/2015**

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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.

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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