

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 14-014841
Issue No.: 2001
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: February 05, 2015
County: WAYNE-DISTRICT 18

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

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 February 5, 2015, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], Support Coordinator. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Hearings Facilitator.

ISSUE

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

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 turned 19 years of age in August of 2014.
2. The Social Security Administration determined that Claimant is a Disabled Adult Child (DAC).
3. On [REDACTED], the Department determined that Claimant was eligible for MA with a deductible.
4. Claimant filed a hearing request on [REDACTED], protesting the type of MA eligibility the Department determined for Claimant.

5. The Department then determined that Clamant was not eligible for MA as a DAC because his SSI ended due to auxiliary benefits and parents' countable income.
6. During the hearing, the Department did not provide written documentation showing why SSI eligibility ended for Claimant and when.

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.

BEM 158 (4/2014), p. 1 instructs that MA is available to a person receiving DAC RSDI benefits if he is age 18 or older; and received SSI; and ceased to be eligible for SSI on or after July 1, 1967 **because he became entitled to DAC RSDI benefits**; and is currently receiving DAC RSDI benefits; and would be eligible for SSI without such RSDI benefits (emphasis added).

In the present case, the Department determined that Clamant was not eligible for MA as a DAC because his "SSI eligibility ended due to auxiliary benefits and parents [sic] countable income, NOT as the result of any start or increase of DAC RSDI benefits." (Exhibit 5)

Although the Department may be correct in its determination, the Department did not provide written documentation showing why or when SSI eligibility ended. Without a review of such substantiating documentation, it cannot be concluded that the Department was correct.

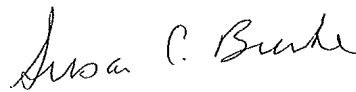
The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy.

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. Re-determine Claimant's MA eligibility as a DAC.
2. Attach with the Determination written documentation showing how and when Claimant's SSI ended.



Susan C. Burke
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Interim Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **2/11/2015**

Date Mailed: **2/11/2015**

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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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