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

IN THE MATTER OF:

Reg. No.: 14-019548 Issue No.: 2004

Case No.:

Hearing Date: March 23, 2015

County: WAYNE-15 (GREYDALE)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Robert J. Chavez

HEARING DECISION

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did the Department properly process Claimant's November 25, 2013 application for Medical Assistance (MA) benefits?

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 applied for MA benefits on November 25, 2013.
- 2. The application in question was never processed.
- 3. Claimant requested a hearing on December 24, 2014

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained in the Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), Department of Health and Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Health and 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 Department of Human Services) administers the MA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10, and MCL 400.105-.112k.

In this case, Claimant submitted evidence of an application filed on November 25, 2013.

No evidence submitted by the Department shows that this application was ever processed. Claimant's EDG summary (Department Exhibit 4) contains no record of processing for this application.

All applications for benefits must be processed. BAM 105, BAM 110, BAM 115. As the evidence shows that Claimant's application was not processed, the application must be processed.

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 failed to process Claimant's November 25, 2013 MA application.

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. Process Claimant's November 25, 2013 MA application.

Robert J. Chavez

Administrative Law Judge for Nick Lyon, Director

Department of Health and Human Services

Date Signed: 4/27/2015
Date Mailed: 4/27/2015

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- 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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