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

IN THE MATTER OF:

Reg. No.: 15-007208 Issue No.: 2001

Case No.:

Hearing Date: June 10, 2015

County: WAYNE-DISTRICT 15

(GREYDALE)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lynn M. Ferris

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; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on June 10, 2015, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative, _________. The Claimant did not appear. Participants on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) included _________, Eligibility Specialist.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly process Claimant's Medical Assistance when the deductible was met?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

- 1. The Claimant's AHR submitted medical bills on November 25, 2014 which met the Claimant's spend down. The bills submitted were in the amount of \$2,007.49.
- 2. The bills were submitted in a timely matter. The Claimant's deductible was met as confirmed by the Department.
- 3. The Department has submitted a help desk ticket because the Bridges system would not accept entry of the bills by the Department.

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, the Department conceded that the Claimant's deductible was met and that the medical bills were received by the Department and were timely submitted. The only reason the Claimant did not appear to have coverage was that the Bridges system would not allow the Department to process and enter the medical bills. Nonetheless, the Department is required to process medical bills in a timely manner and has not done so. The Claimant's AHR requested that the Claimant's deductible be determined based upon the bills submitted be met for August 2014. BEM 545 (July 1, 2015).

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 failed to process the Claimant's timely submitted medical bills in a timely manner.

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. The Department shall process the Claimant's medical bills and determine medical assistance eligibility and whether the Claimant's deductible spend down was met.

2. The Department shall notify the Claimant's AHR in writing as to the result of the medical bill processing and provide notice of medical assistance eligibility as required by Department policy for the months in question.

Lvnn M. Ferris

Administrative Law Judge for Nick Lyon, Director

Department of Health and Human Services

Date Signed: 7/8/2015

Date Mailed: 7/8/2015

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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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