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

#### IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 15-011663

Issue No.: 2002 Case No.:

September 03, 2015 Hearing Date:

County: Washtenaw

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

### **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 Thursday, September 3, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) included , Eligibility Specialist and Family Independence Manager.

### ISSUE

Due to a failure to comply with the verification requirements, did the Department properly deny Claimant's application Medical Assistance (MA)?

## FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, including testimony of witnesses, finds as material fact:

- The Claimant applied for MA benefits on February 25, 2015. Department Exhibit 1. 9-12.
- 2. The Claimant was required to submit requested verification by May 14, 2015. Department Exhibit 7.
- 3. On June 30, 2015, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's action.
- On July 9, 2015, the Department denied Claimant's application for failure to provide the required verification to determine MA eligibility.
- 4. On July 9, 2015, the Department sent Claimant notice of its action.

## **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 Claimant applied for MA benefits on February 25, 2015. Department Exhibit 9-12. The Claimant was required to submit requested verification by May 14, 2015. Department Exhibit 7. On June 30, 2015, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's action. On July 9, 2015, the Department denied Claimant's application for failure to provide the required verification to determine MA eligibility. On July 9, 2015, the Department sent Claimant notice of its action. BEM 105, 115, 130, 200, 210, 222, and 400.

During the hearing, the Department stated that after two verification checklists that the Claimant was still missing required verifications to determine MA eligibility. The Claimant failed to submit a second paycheck for the Claimant where the Department only received a check stub for March 25, 2015 and his two daughters earned income.

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 acted in accordance with Department policy when it denied the Claimant's application for failure to provide required verifications to determine MA eligibility.

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

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

Carmen G. Fahie

Administrative Law Judge for Nick Lyon, Director Department of Health and Human Services

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Date Signed: 9/11/2015

Date Mailed: 9/11/2015

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**: A party may appeal this Hearing Decision in the circuit court in the county in which he/she resides, or the circuit court in Ingham County, within 30 days of the receipt date. A copy of the claim or application for appeal must be filed with the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Hearing Decision from MAHS within 30 days of the mailing date of this Hearing Decision, or MAHS <u>MAY</u> order a rehearing or reconsideration on its own motion. MAHS <u>MAY</u> 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.

A written request may be faxed or mailed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088 and be labeled as follows:

Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request

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