

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

MAHS Reg. No.: 15-014418  
Issue No.: 2004  
Agency Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: September 28, 2015  
County: MACOMB-DISTRICT 20

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lynn M. Ferris**

**HEARING DECISION**

Following Petitioner'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 3 way hearing was held on September 28, 2015, from Detroit, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] appeared as the Petitioner's Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR). The Petitioner, Laporcha Mann, did not appear. The Department was represented by [REDACTED], Hearing Facilitator.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department fail to timely process the Petitioner's MA eligibility for November 2013?

**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 Petitioner's AHR filed an application for MA on [REDACTED] and an application for retro MA for November 2013. The Department approved Petitioner's MA application effective [REDACTED] through [REDACTED], and did not make an eligibility determination regarding MA eligibility for November 2013.
2. The Department conceded at the hearing that the November 2013 request for retro MA should have been processed, but was not; and, that Department has attempted to reinstate the MA case but was unsuccessful due to receiving an error message when attempting to process the MA for November 2013. The Department has sought assistance from the on-sight support team.

3. The Petitioner's MA case has been reinstated, however, it has not been processed for November 2013.
4. The Claimant requested a hearing on [REDACTED], requesting the Department process the Claimant's MA eligibility for November 2013.

### **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 it never processed the MA application it received for retro coverage for November 2013 in conjunction with an MA application dated [REDACTED]. At the hearing, the Department indicated it had begun the process to seek a help desk ticket as the MA case, while it had been reopened, would not allow the Department to process the month of November 2013. Based upon the evidence presented and the testimony of the parties, 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 a retro application month for November 2013.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

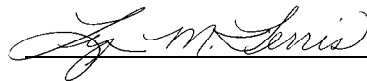
Accordingly, the Department's decision is

**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 reregister and reprocess the Petitioner's retro MA application for November 2013 and determine Petitioner's eligibility.
2. The Department shall provide written notice of its determination to both the Petitioner and the Petitioner's AHR Advomas.



**Lynn M. Ferris**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Nick Lyon, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services

Date Signed: **10/22/2015**

Date Mailed: **10/22/2015**

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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 **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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