

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 15-002863  
Issue No.: 2001  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: April 30, 2015  
County: OAKLAND-DISTRICT 3 (SOUTH)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Susanne E. Harris

**HEARING DECISION**

Following the 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 April 30, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of the Claimant included the Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR), [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) included Hearing Facilitator, [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly process the Claimant's application for Retro-Medical Assistance (MA)?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. On May 5, 2014, the Claimant applied for Retro-MA.
2. Sometime in May 2014, the Claimant's AHR also applied for Retro-MA on behalf of the Claimant.
3. There is no notice of case action in the record; however, the Department testified that the Claimant's medical bills for March and April 2014 were denied.
4. On February 16, 2015, the Department received the Claimant's AHR's request for hearing asserting that the AHR had not received an eligibility determination and/or request for additional information such as a DHS-3503, Verification Checklist.

### **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's Hearing Facilitator testified that the previous worker who processed the Claimant's case had denied the Claimant's medical bills for April and March 2014. The Department's Hearing Facilitator also conceded that the previous worker made an error in the Claimant's case and she stated that the case needed to be reprocessed for the months of March and April 2014.

As such, 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 processed the Claimant's AHR's application for Retro-MA.

**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. Reprocessed the Claimant's AHR's application for Retro-MA, and
2. Issue the Claimant any supplement that she may thereafter be due.



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Susanne E. Harris  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Nick Lyon, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services

Date Signed: **5/4/2015**

Date Mailed: **5/4/2015**

SEH/sw

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- 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.

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P.O. Box 30639  
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