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Date Mailed: March 2, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 15-024655  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**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 telephone hearing was held on March 2, 2016, from Detroit, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by the Petitioner's Authorized Hearing Representative, [REDACTED]. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED] Family Independence Manager.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly register and process the Petitioner's retroactive Medical Assistance (MA) application dated November 7, 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 Department conceded the following at the hearing. It acknowledged that it received a retroactive MA application dated November 7, 2013, for Petitioner.
2. The Department confirmed that notwithstanding the receipt of the application it failed to register and process the MA retro application.
3. The Petitioner's AHR filed a timely hearing request on January 7, 2015.

## **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 evidence presented at the hearing confirmed the receipt of a November 7, 2013, retro MA application by the Department. Exhibit 1. The evidence further confirmed that the Department failed to register and process the application as required by Department policy found in BAM 110 (January 1, 2016), p. 8, provides:

### **All Programs**

An application or filing form, with the minimum information, must be registered on Bridges **unless** the client is already active for that program(s); see **REGISTERING APPLICATIONS** in this item.

BAM 115 (January 1, 2016), p. 1, provides:

Any application or the DHS-1171, Filing Form, with the minimum information, must be registered in Bridges; see BAM 110, Response to Applications.

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 register and process the Petitioner's application for retro MA dated November 7, 2013, 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 register and process the MA retroactive application for November 2013 and determine Petitioner's eligibility.
2. The Department shall provide written notice to Petitioner **and Petitioner's AHR,**  
[REDACTED].

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

**NOTICE OF APPEAL:** A party may appeal this Order in circuit court within 30 days of the receipt date. A copy of the circuit court appeal must be filed with the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Order if the request is received by MAHS within 30 days of the date the Order was issued. The party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration must provide the specific reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration.

A written request may be mailed or faxed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088; Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

Michigan Administrative Hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P.O. Box 30639  
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**Petitioner**

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