

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



MAHS Reg. No.: 15-019090
Issue No.: 2001
Agency Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: January 05, 2016
County: GENESEE-DISTRICT 6

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

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 January 5, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was present and represented by her authorized representative, [REDACTED], from [REDACTED]. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED] Hearing Facilitator and [REDACTED], Eligibility Specialist, who testified on the behalf of the Department

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine the Claimant's eligibility for 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. The Claimant was approved for MA for the contested month of August 2014. Department Exhibit 17.
2. The Claimant incurred medical expenses during the month of August 2014 that was not covered by MA. Claimant Exhibit A.
3. On [REDACTED], the Department received a hearing request from the Claimant because her MA had not been paid for August 2014.

4. During the hearing, the Department determined that even though the Claimant was on BRIDGES as being eligible for full MA for the contested month of August 2014 that the provider was not able to bill, nor did the collaborating system list that she has coverage for MA for the August 2014. As a result, a BRIDGES ticket was issued to fix the issue of BR-0201001.

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 was approved for MA for the contested month of August 2014. Department Exhibit 17. The Claimant incurred medical expenses during the month of August 2014 that were not covered by MA. Claimant Exhibit A. On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the Department received a hearing request from the Claimant because her MA had not been paid for August 2014. BAM 220. BEM 105 and 163.

During the hearing, the Department determined that even though the Claimant was on BRIDGES as being eligible for full MA for the contested month of August 2014 that the provider was not able to bill, nor did the collaborating system list that she has coverage for August 2014. As a result, a BRIDGES ticket was issued to fix the issue of [REDACTED].

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 determined that although the Claimant was eligible for MA during the contested month of August 2014 that the provider could not bill because the system was not recognizing the coverage. As a result, a BRIDGES ticket was issued to fix the issue of [REDACTED].

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**. The Department is ordered to give BRIDGES ticket BR-0201001 priority.

Carmen G. Fahie

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

Date Signed: **1/12/2016**

Date Mailed: **1/12/2016**

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- Typographical, mathematical or other obvious error in the hearing decision that affects the rights of the client;
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