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Date Mailed: May 23, 2016
MAHS Docket No.: 16-003166
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary Heisler

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 April 28, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by her authorized hearing representative [REDACTED]. The Department was represented by Family Independence Manager [REDACTED]. Testimony was received from all participants. Department's Exhibit A, pages 1 - 19 was admitted into evidence.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly process Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility for January, February and March 2014?

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 April 1, 2014, a Medical Assistance (MA) and retroactive Medical Assistance (MA) application was submitted for Petitioner. Petitioner was approved for HMP from April 1, 2014 ongoing.
2. On July 16, 2015, The Department informed [REDACTED] that Petitioner's retroactive Medical Assistance (MA) application would be submitted to the Medical Review Team for determination of her Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility for January, February and March 2014.

3. On March 8, 2016, the Department had still not resolved Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility for January, February and March 2014. [REDACTED] submitted this hearing request.

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.

The parties are in agreement that the determination of Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility for January, February and March 2014 has not been properly processed in accordance with Department policy. 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 Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility for January, February and March 2014.

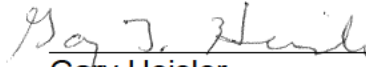
DECISION AND ORDER

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. Reregister and process Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) application for the months of January, February and March 2014, in accordance with Department policy.

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Gary Heisler
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
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Petitioner

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