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Date Mailed: December 16, 2016
MAHS Docket No.: 16-016881
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

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 [REDACTED] from Detroit, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] (AR). The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was not represented after numerous attempts to reach them.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly process the Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) retroactive MA benefits?

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 or about [REDACTED], the Petitioner began receiving MA benefits.
2. Subsequently, the Petitioner, applied for retroactive MA coverage for the month of [REDACTED].
3. On [REDACTED], the Department sent the Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice informing the Petitioner that beginning [REDACTED], she would not be eligible for MA benefits.

4. On [REDACTED], the Petitioner's Authorized Representative (AR), requested a hearing to protest the Department's failure to process the Petitioner's request for retroactive MA coverage for the month of [REDACTED].

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 Petitioner was receiving MA benefits with a deductible. Prior to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the Petitioner applied for retroactive coverage for the month of [REDACTED].

At the outset, it should be noted that this office made numerous attempts to contact the Department to allow it to present its interests at this hearing. Those attempts were unsuccessful in making contact with Department representatives.

The Petitioner's AR provided a copy of a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice, dated [REDACTED], addressing the Petitioner's MA benefits, in stating that from [REDACTED], ongoing, the Petitioner was not eligible for continuing MA benefits.

The Determination Notice does not address the Petitioner's request for retroactive MA coverage for the month of [REDACTED].

DECISION AND ORDER

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 failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it did not appear for the hearing on [REDACTED].

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. Register and process the Petitioner's retroactive MA application for the month of [REDACTED], and supplement for any missed benefits.

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Michael J. Bennane
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
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