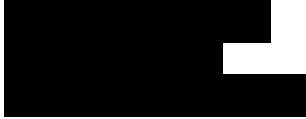




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Date Mailed: March 31, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 16-001119  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Landis Lain

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and 42 CFR 431.200 *et seq.*, upon the Petitioner's request for a hearing.

After due notice, a hearing was held on [REDACTED]. Petitioner did not appear at the hearing. Petitioner's Caregiver and Authorized Hearings Representative appeared and testified on Petitioner's behalf. [REDACTED], Appeals Review Officer and [REDACTED], Independent Living Specialist, appeared and testified as witnesses for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS or the Department).

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly propose to suspend payment for the Petitioner's Home Help Services (HHS)?

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. Petitioner is a HHS benefit recipient.
2. On [REDACTED], the Department sent Petitioner an Advance Negative Action Notice informing him that HHS provider logs were missing and payment would be suspended effective [REDACTED].
3. On [REDACTED], Petitioner filed a request for a hearing to contest the Department's negative action.
4. The Department received the provider logs, rescinded the negative action and reinstated payments to Petitioner for HHS.
5. Petitioner agreed with the decision to reinstate his HHS benefits but had

concerns about the fact that his caseworker does not contact him in a timely manner.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Medical Assistance Program is established pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). It is administered in accordance with state statute, the Social Welfare Act, the Administrative Code, and the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program.

Home Help Services (HHS) are provided to enable functionally limited individuals to live independently and receive care in the least restrictive, preferred settings. These activities must be certified by a physician and may be provided by individuals or by private or public agencies.

In the instant case, the Department Reversed its decision to suspend Petitioner's HHS and reinstated the payments with no interruption of benefits. Petitioner's Representative agreed.

Clients have the right to be treated with dignity and respect. For general complaints for all programs, clients have the right to make complaints to the:

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Specialized Action Center  
235 S. Grand Avenue  
P.O. Box 30037  
Lansing, MI 48909  
Or call (855) 275-6424 or (855) ASK-MICH.

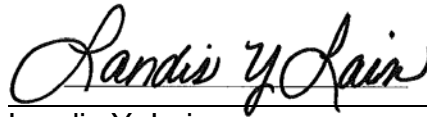
Complaints that are deemed to be potential ADA or discrimination claims will be routed directly to the county director. The county director will use the Office of Human Resources (OHR) to properly address all aspects of the allegations. All other complaints that come through the Specialized Action Center will be routed to the customer information specialist in the district/county office for follow-up. Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) 105, page 3. Petitioner must make a complaint to the Department for a change in caseworkers.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the Department appropriately reversed its decision to suspend payment of the Petitioner's HHS case based on the available information.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The Department's decision to reverse and reinstate Petitioner's HHS case is **AFFIRMED.**



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Landis Y. Lain  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Nick Lyon, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services

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**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 30763  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-8139

**DHHS**

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**Petitioner**

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**Agency Representative**

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**Authorized Hearing Rep.**

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**DHHS Department Rep.**

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**DHHS -Dept Contact**

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