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Date Mailed: January 26, 2017
MAHS Docket No.: 16-017320

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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, 2017, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by her authorized representative, [REDACTED], from [REDACTED]. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED] Assistance Payments Supervisor.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine the Petitioner'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. On November 9, 2016, the Petitioner's Authorized Representative submitted a hearing request to the Department for MA coverage for December 2013.
2. The Department concedes that the Petitioner is eligible for MA for the month of December 2013.
3. On January 5, 2017, the Department issued a BRIDGES fix it ticket of [REDACTED] for MA coverage for the Petitioner for the month of December 2013 to pay a bill for [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's Authorized Representative submitted a hearing request to the Department for MA coverage for December 2013 on November 9, 2016. The Department concedes that the Petitioner is eligible for MA for the month of December 2013. On January 5, 2017, the Department issued a BRIDGES fix it ticket of [REDACTED] for MA coverage for the Petitioner for the month of December 2013 to pay a bill for [REDACTED].

During the hearing, the parties agreed that they would like the Administrative Law Judge to give the ticket priority because it is from December 2013.

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 acted in accordance with Department policy when it issued a BRIDGES fix it ticket of [REDACTED] for MA coverage for the Petitioner for the month of December 2013 to pay a bill for [REDACTED].

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**. [REDACTED] is to be given priority.

Carmen G. Fahie

Carmen G. Fahie
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 30639
Lansing, Michigan 48909-8139

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