



**STATE OF WISCONSIN
Division of Hearings and Appeals**

In the Matter of

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DECISION

MQB/166354

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed June 02, 2015, under Wis. Stat. § 49.45(5), and Wis. Admin. Code § HA 3.03(1), to review a decision by the Kenosha County Human Service Department in regard to Medical Assistance, a hearing was held on July 09, 2015, at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The issue for determination is whether the Division of Hearings and Appeals has authority to direct that Petitioner’s provider prescribe a particular medication or course of treatment.

There appeared at that time and place the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Respondent:

Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street, Room 651
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

By: Karen Mayer

Kenosha County Human Service Department
8600 Sheridan Road
Kenosha, WI 53143

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

David D. Fleming
Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner (CARES # [REDACTED]) is a resident of Kenosha County.
2. Petitioner’s appeal indicates her physician has not prescribed a certain medication.

3. Petitioner's Medicaid case is open and her benefits ongoing. There has been no negative action involving those benefits by a local or State agency.

DISCUSSION

The Division of Hearings and Appeals only has that authority granted to it by the legislature. With respect to medical matters the Division of Hearings and Appeals authority is as follows:

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(5) APPEAL. (a) Any person whose application for medical assistance is denied or is not acted upon promptly or who believes that the payments made in the person's behalf have not been properly determined or that his or her eligibility has not been properly determined may file an appeal with the department pursuant to par. (b). Review is unavailable if the decision or failure to act arose more than 45 days before submission of the petition for a hearing.

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Wis. Stats., §49.45(5)(a).

Thus Division of Hearings and Appeals authority is limited to issues involving eligibility and the determination of benefits and Medicaid payments. The Division of Hearings and Appeals has no authority to direct that Petitioner's providers provide particular treatment or medications.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

That the Division of Hearings and Appeals does not have authority to direct that Petitioner's provider prescribe a particular medication or course of treatment.

THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

That this appeal is dismissed.

REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

You may request a rehearing if you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law or if you have found new evidence that would change the decision. Your request must be **received within 20 days after the date of this decision**. Late requests cannot be granted.

Send your request for rehearing in writing to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400 **and** to those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your rehearing request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and explain why you did not have it at your first hearing. If your request does not explain these things, it will be denied.

The process for requesting a rehearing may be found at Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

APPEAL TO COURT

You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be filed with the Court **and** served either personally or by certified mail on the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, **and** on those identified in

this decision as “PARTIES IN INTEREST” **no more than 30 days after the date of this decision** or 30 days after a denial of a timely rehearing (if you request one).

The process for Circuit Court Appeals may be found at Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

Given under my hand at the City of Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, this 17th day of August, 2015

David D. Fleming
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on August 17, 2015.

Kenosha County Human Service Department
Division of Health Care Access and Accountability