

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
BUREAU OF STATE HEARINGS**

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL SECTION

In Re Appeal of:

Docket Number:	AA-706	
Appeal No(s)	1320934	MED
AG No.	5020187901	
Hearing Request Date:	12/06/2006	
Hearing Decision Date:	01/05/2007 / PMM	
Appeal Request Date:	01/17/2007	
Agency:	MAHONING CDJFS	

Administrative Appeal Decision

The appellant requests an administrative appeal of the state hearing decision issued on January 5, 2007. The state hearing decision sustained the appellant's Medicaid, appeal, ordering the Mahoning County Department of Job and Family Services (Agency) to verify that the appellant's case has been forwarded to the Disability Determination Unit (DDU) and to attempt to obtain additional medical documentation of the appellant's alleged disability. In his administrative appeal request, the appellant states that he has been hospitalized three times for mental health issues since 1994, including two suicide attempts.

In order to make a determination that the appellant is disabled, DDU needs objective medical documentation of the appellant's condition. The Agency failed to contact the appellant's representative to request this documentation in a timely manner. The Agency has now received this information and forwarded it to DDU. The appellant will have a right to appeal if he disagrees with the DDU determination. The appellant's Medicaid appeal was sustained and no further relief is available to the appellant at this time.

DECISION

Having reviewed the state hearing decision and record, we find the decision contains no error affecting the outcome of the appeal. Accordingly, we ORDER that the decision is AFFIRMED.

Administrative Appeal Officer

CONCUR:

Administrative Appeal Officer

Chief Administrative Hearing Officer

Date of Issuance: January 25, 2007

Notice to Appellant

This Administrative Appeal decision is the final decision on this appeal from the state department of job & family services. It is binding on the department and agency, unless it is reversed or modified on appeal to the court of common pleas.

An Appellant who disagrees with this decision may appeal it to the court of common pleas pursuant to sections 119.12 and 5101.35(E) of the Revised Code. The Appellant shall mail the original notice of appeal to the department at the following address:

**Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
Office of Legal Services
30 E. Broad Street, 31st Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3414**

The Appellant must also file a copy of the notice of appeal with the court of common pleas in the county in which the Appellant resides (Franklin County, if the Appellant does not reside in Ohio). Please note: Both the mailing to the department and the filing with the court must occur within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of issuance of this decision.

If you have questions about appealing to a court, contact your attorney, local legal aid society, or bar association. If you want information about free legal services, you can call the Ohio State Legal Services Association, toll free, at 1-800-589-5888.

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Director, MAHONING CDJFS
ROSEBS, MILLSP01, Bureau of State Hearings