

STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge by authority of MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37. Claimant's request for a hearing was received on [REDACTED]. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Whether the Department of Human Services (Department) properly determined the Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. The Claimant was an ongoing Medical Assistance (MA) recipient under the Adult Medical Program (AMP).
2. The Claimant receives monthly unemployment compensation in the gross monthly amount [REDACTED].
3. On [REDACTED] the Department notified the Claimant that it would terminate her AMP benefits due to excess income.
4. The Department received the Claimant's request for a hearing on [REDACTED], protesting the termination of her MA benefits.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department of Human Services (DHS or Department) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, et seq., and MCL 400.105. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), Reference Table Manual (RFT), and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

The Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by Title XXI of the Social Security Act; (1115)(a)(1) of the Social Security Act, and is administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS or department) pursuant to MCL 400.10, et seq. Department policies are contained in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

All earned and unearned income available to the Claimant is countable. Earned income means income received from another person or organization or from self-employment for duties for duties that were performed for compensation or profit. Unearned income means all income that is not earned, including but not limited to funds received from the Family Independence Program (FIP), State Disability Assistance (SDA), Child Development and Care (CDC), Medicaid (MA), Social Security Benefits (RSDI/SSI), Veterans Administration (VA), Unemployment Compensation Benefits (UCB), Adult Medical Program (AMA), alimony, and child support payments. The amount counted may be more than the client actually receives because the gross amount is used prior to any deductions. BEM 500.

All income is converted to a standard monthly amount. If the client is paid weekly, the Department multiplies the average weekly amount by 4.3. If the client is paid every other week, the Department multiplies the average bi-weekly amount by 2.15. BEM 505.

The Claimant was an ongoing Medical Assistance (MA) recipient under the Adult Medical Program (AMP) category. In [REDACTED], the Department became aware that the Claimant was receiving unemployment compensation benefits and reevaluated his eligibility to receive Medical Assistance (MA).

The Claimant receives monthly unemployment compensation in the gross monthly amount of [REDACTED]. This was determined by multiplying the Claimant's bi-weekly unemployment compensation benefit of [REDACTED] conversion factor. The income limit for an independently living individual and spouse is [REDACTED]. Since the Claimant's income exceeds the income limit, he is not eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) under the Adult Medical Program (AMP).

Based on the evidence and testimony available during the hearing, the Department has established that it acted in accordance with policy when it terminated the Claimant's MA benefits due to excess income.

