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

## IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.:14-017247Issue No.:2004Case No.:Image: Case No.:Hearing Date:January 13, 2015County:Newaygo

## ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Darryl Johnson

## ORDER OF DISMISSAL - NO ADJUDICABLE ISSUE

Following Claimant'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. After due notice, telephone hearing was held on January 13, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Hearings Facilitator

Regulations governing the hearing and appeal process for recipients of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits in Michigan who, as a group, are affected by a federal or state initiated change in the law affecting all recipients are found in 7 CFR 273.12(e) and Mich Admin Code, R 400.901 through R 400.951. Rule 400.903(3), in pertinent part, states:

A hearing shall not be granted when either state or federal law requires automatic grant adjustments for classes of recipients, unless the reason for an individual appeal is incorrect grant computation.

See also Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) which articulates policies regarding the hearing process. The Michigan Administrative Hearing System will **not** grant a hearing regarding the issue of a mass update required by state or federal law **unless** the reason for the request is an issue of incorrect calculation of program benefits or patient-pay amount. BAM 600.

In the instant case, the evidence and testimony provided confirm that Claimant is disputing the termination of her medical benefits through the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP). They were terminated because the Department mistakenly found that she had not completed a Redetermination form. After Claimant requested a hearing the Department found that the Redetermination was submitted by the deadline. The Department subsequently awarded Claimant benefits through the Group 2 Caretaker program which has a spend-down. This Decision does not make any finding as to whether that is the correct program; if Claimant disagrees with that action she might choose to submit a timely hearing request. As the Department has taken action to

correct its termination of her MA benefits, there is no adjudicable issue. The Request for Hearing is **DISMISSED**.

Administrative Law Judge for Nick Lyon, Interim Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 1/14/2015

Date Mailed: 1/14/2015

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL:** A party may appeal this Hearing Decision in the circuit court in the county in which he/she resides, or the circuit court in Ingham County, within 30 days of the receipt date.

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Hearing Decision from the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) within 30 days of the mailing date of this Hearing Decision, or MAHS <u>MAY</u> order a rehearing or reconsideration on its own motion.

MAHS <u>MAY</u> grant a party's Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration when one of the following exists:

- Newly discovered evidence that existed at the time of the original hearing that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision;
- Misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision which led to a wrong conclusion;
- Typographical, mathematical or other obvious error in the hearing decision that affects the rights of the client;
- Failure of the ALJ to address in the hearing decision relevant issues raised in the hearing request.

The party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration must specify all reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration. A request must be *received* in MAHS within 30 days of the date this Hearing Decision is mailed.

A written request may be faxed or mailed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088 and be labeled as follows:

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

