

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



MAHS Reg. No.: 15-016566  
Issue No.: 2001  
Agency Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: October 27, 2015  
County: OAKLAND-DISTRICT 3  
(SOUTHFIELD)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Gary Heisler

**HEARING DECISION**

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; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on October 27, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included himself and his spouse, [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) included Assistance Payments Supervisor [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility on June 30, 2015?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. Claimant and his spouse were ongoing recipients of Medical Assistance (MA) benefits.
2. On June 30, 2015, Claimant was sent a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (DHHS-1606) which stated he was no longer eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) beginning August 1, 2015 due to excess income.
3. On August 14, 2015, Claimant submitted a hearing request.

### 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.

The June 30, 2014, Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (DHHS-1606) states Claimant and spouse had a combined annual income of \$ [REDACTED]. The Department submitted a BRIDGES Employment Budget Summary print out from September 14, 2015. (Page 7) The print out shows that for June 2015, Claimant had a calculated MA monthly income of \$ [REDACTED] and his spouse had a March 2015 calculated MA monthly income of \$ [REDACTED]. Projecting an annual income from those two figures results in \$ [REDACTED]? Using reverse math, \$ [REDACTED] / 12 = \$ [REDACTED] per month. That total minus Claimant's calculated MA income for June (\$ [REDACTED] - \$ [REDACTED] = \$ [REDACTED]) leaves \$ [REDACTED] as spouse's MA income for June.

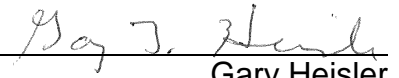
The evidence in the record does not support the June 30, 2015 Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (DHHS-1606). The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it determined Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility on June 30, 2015.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **REVERSED**.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Reinstate Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) and determine his eligibility from August 1, 2015 ongoing in accordance with Department policy.



Gary Heisler  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Nick Lyon, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services

Date Signed: **11/13/2015**

Date Mailed: **11/13/2015**

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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 copy of the claim or application for appeal must be filed with the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Hearing Decision from MAHS within 30 days of the mailing date of this Hearing Decision, or MAHS **MAY** order a rehearing or reconsideration on its own motion. MAHS **MAY** 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  
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