

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 15-003930  
Issue No.: 2001  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: May 07, 2015  
County: Kent-District 1

**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 May 7, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included himself. Participants on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) included Eligibility Specialist (ES) [REDACTED] and AP Supervisor [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close Claimant's Medicare Savings Program beginning April 1, 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 was an ongoing recipient of Medicare Savings Program benefits.
2. On February 24, 2015, Claimant was sent a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (DHS-1606) which stated his Medicare Savings Program would close on April 1, 2015.
3. On March 5, 2015, Claimant submitted a hearing request.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

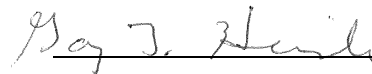
Department policies are contained in the Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), Department of Health and Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Health and Human Services 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.

During this hearing Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 165 Medicare Savings Program (2015) was reviewed along with information from Social Security Administration about Claimant's SSA benefits. Claimant's Retirement, Survivors, Disability Income benefit was increased beginning December 1, 2014 by a \$ [REDACTED] cost of living allowance. In accordance with BEM 165, the increase was excluded from Claimant's countable RSDI for the first quarter of 2015. Beginning April 1, 2015 the increase was included in Claimant's financial eligibility budget and caused Claimant to exceed the income limit for benefits. 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 acted in accordance with Department policy when it closed Claimant's Medicare Savings Program beginning April 1, 2015.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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



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

Date Signed: **5/13/2015**

Date Mailed: **5/13/2015**

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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.

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