

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 15-006939
Issue No.: 2001
Case No.: June 11, 2015
Hearing Date: Calhoun
County:

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

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 Thursday, June 11, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant and her mother, [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Hearing Facilitator and [REDACTED], Eligibility Specialist.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine the Claimant's eligibility for Medical Assistance?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On November 19, 2014, the Claimant applied for MA benefits. Department Exhibit 1a-g.
2. On March 18, 2015, the Department was required by an Administrative Law Judge to redetermine MA eligibility retroactive to application date of November 19, 2014. Department Exhibit 2a-d.
3. The Claimant receives \$ [REDACTED] a month in Social Security RSDI Benefits. Department Exhibit 4f-h.
4. On April 13, 2015, the Department denied Claimant's application for MA benefits due to excess income. Department Exhibit 3a-b.

5. On April 13, 2015, the Department sent Claimant/Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR) its decision.
6. On April 23, 2015, Claimant/Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR) filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's actions.

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.

In this case, On November 19, 2014, the Claimant applied for MA benefits. Department Exhibit 1a-g. On March 18, 2015, the Department was required by the Administrative Law Judge to redetermine MA eligibility retroactive to application date of November 19, 2014. Department Exhibit 2a-d. The Claimant receives \$ [REDACTED] a month in Social Security RSDI Benefits. Department Exhibit 4f-h. On April 13, 2015, the Department denied Claimant's application for MA benefits due to excess income. Department Exhibit 3a-b.

The Claimant submitted her income verification. Department Exhibit 4a-d. She was found to be over the income limit for the Medicare Savings Program. She receives RSDI and has earned income. However, she did qualify for the MA Freedom to Work program retroactive to November 2014 when she applied.

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 to Department policy when it determined the Claimant's eligibility for MA based on income.

DECISION AND ORDER

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



Carmen G. Fahie
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

Date Signed: **6/18/2015**

Date Mailed: **6/18/2015**

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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:

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Michigan Administrative Hearings
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
P.O. Box 30639
Lansing, Michigan 48909-8139

cc:

