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Date Mailed: March 17, 2016
MAHS Docket No.: 15-018996
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jacquelyn A. McClinton

HEARING DECISION

Following Petitioner'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 March 14, 2016, from Detroit, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by [REDACTED], her Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR). The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED], Hearing Facilitator.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly provide Petitioner with full Medical Assistance (MA), including reimbursement of the Part B Medicaid premium?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Petitioner applied for MA benefits on [REDACTED].
2. On [REDACTED], the Department sent notice of Petitioner indicating that she had been approved for the Medicare Savings Program.
3. On [REDACTED], Petitioner filed a Request for Hearing disputing that the Department paid her Part B Medicaid premiums as required.

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.

Additionally, clients are eligible for Group 2 MA coverage when their net income less any allowable needs deductions exceeds the applicable Group 2 MA protected income levels (PIL), which is based on the client's shelter area and fiscal group size. BEM 105 (December 2014), p. 1; BEM 166 (July 2013), p. 2; BEM 544 (July 2013), p. 1; RFT 240 (December 2013), p. 1. In such cases, the client is eligible for Group 2 MA coverage under the deductible program with the deductible equal to the amount that the client's monthly income exceeds the PIL. BEM 545 (October 2015), p. 10.

The monthly Protected Income Limit (PIL) for an MA fiscal group size of one living in Wayne County is \$375.00 per month. RFT 200 (December 2013), pp. 1-2; RFT 240, (December 2013) p 1. There was no allegation that Petitioner's income exceeds the PIL amount. Additionally, on [REDACTED], the Department sent Petitioner notice that she was entitled to full MA benefits. The Department agreed that Petitioner is entitled to reimbursement for any Part B Medicaid Insurance premiums paid between August 2015 and November 2015. The Department was unable to confirm whether Petitioner has or has not been reimbursed. Petitioner's AHR testified that Petitioner paid the Part B Medicaid Insurance premiums for the month of August 2015 through November 2015 without reimbursement. However, Petitioner's AHR was unable to provide any documentation to corroborate this claim. As such, there was no proof offered at the hearing to show that the Department has not paid the premiums as required.

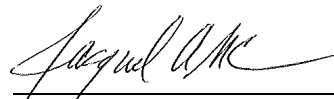
If Petitioner receives documented evidence that she was not reimbursed for covered months, she may request a rehearing. It should be noted that the Department agreed to investigate whether Petitioner has been reimbursed for each month covered, and further agreed to provide reimbursement for any months in which reimbursement has not already occurred.

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 granted Petitioner full MA benefits as of [REDACTED], ongoing.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

JM/hw



Jacquelyn A. McClinton
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

NOTICE OF APPEAL: A party may appeal this Order in circuit court within 30 days of the receipt date. A copy of the circuit court appeal must be filed with the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Order if the request is received by MAHS within 30 days of the date the Order was issued. The party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration must provide the specific reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration.

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

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