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Date Mailed: April 27, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 15-024261

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**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie**

**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, an in person hearing was held on April 14, 2016, from Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by himself and his sister and authorized representative, [REDACTED]. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED], Assistance Payments Supervisor.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine the Petitioner's Freedom to Work (FTW) copay 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. The Petitioner was a recipient of FTW, which made him eligible for MA. Department Exhibit 4-5.
2. On December 5, 2015, the Department had a mass update with the Social Security Administration to reflect the increases in annual benefits, which resulted in the Petitioner having a FTW premium of [REDACTED] monthly. Department Exhibit 10-12.
3. On December 5, 2015, the Department sent the Petitioner a notice that he had FTW premium of [REDACTED] monthly effective January 1, 2016. Department Exhibit 6-7.
4. On December 21, 2015, the Department received a hearing request from the Petitioner, contesting the Department's negative action.

**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, the Petitioner was a recipient of FTW, which made him eligible for MA. Department Exhibit 4-5. On December 5, 2015, the Department had a mass update with the Social Security Administration to reflect the increases in annual benefits, which resulted in the Petitioner having a FTW premium of [REDACTED] monthly. Department Exhibit 10-12. On December 5, 2015, the Department sent the Petitioner a notice that he had FTW premium of [REDACTED] monthly effective January 1, 2016. Department Exhibit 6-7. On December 21, 2015, the Department received a hearing request from the Petitioner, contesting the Department's negative action. BAM 105, 115, 130, 210, 220, and 600. BEM 174, 211, 530, 531, 536, 540, 541, 544, and 545. RFT 240.

During the hearing, Department explained to the Petitioner that because of his increase in his Social Security benefits that he had to pay a premium for his FTW MA benefits due to excess income. The Petitioner was over the threshold for FTW MA benefits resulting in the payment of the required premium. 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 determined that the Petitioner had excess income for FTW MA requiring the payment of a premium for continued eligibility.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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



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**Carmen G. Fahie**  
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  
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**Petitioner**

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**Authorized Hearing Rep.**

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