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Date Mailed: March 18, 2016
MAHS Docket No.: 16-001084
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Darryl Johnson

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 17, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner represented herself. Her father, [REDACTED] also appeared. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Hearings Facilitator [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's application for Medical Assistance (MA)?

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 January 1, 2016, Petitioner applied for MA.
2. Petitioner came from [REDACTED] to the United States in April 2013 on a Student Visa.
3. Petitioner's Student Visa has expired. She has applied for asylum but no decision has been made on her application.

4. In a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice dated January 7, 2016 the Department found Petitioner was eligible for Emergency Services Only. (Exhibit 1 Pages 3-6.)
5. On January 15, 2015, Petitioner requested a hearing.

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, Petitioner came to the US as a student, but her student visa has expired. Presently she has no lawful status in the US, although she has an application for asylum that is pending. The Department found that she “does not qualify for full health care coverage because not a US citizen or eligible immigrant.”

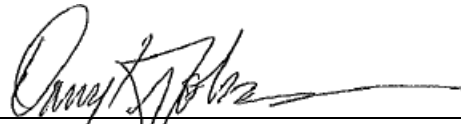
Applicable policy is found in BEM 225 (10/1/15) which identifies numerous different alien statuses. “Citizenship/alien status is not an eligibility factor for emergency services only (ESO) MA.” “To be eligible for full MA coverage a person must be a U.S. citizen or an alien admitted to the U.S. under a specific immigration status.” Because of the number of different alien status descriptors, it is not practical to identify all of them and their corresponding criteria herein. Suffice it to say that Petitioner does not meet the criteria for an eligible alien status. Consequently, she is eligible for ESO only.

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 Petitioner is only eligible for ESO.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

DJ/mc



Darryl Johnson
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
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