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Date Mailed: March 29, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 16-000664  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Gary Heisler

**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 March 24, 2016, in Monroe, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by herself and her spouse, [REDACTED]. The Department was represented by Family Independence Specialist [REDACTED]. During this hearing Petitioner stated they do not receive Family Independence Program (FIP) benefits and there are no Food Assistance Program (FAP) issues that need to be resolved. The Family Independence Program (FIP) and Food Assistance Program (FAP) portions of this hearing are dismissed.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility on January 6, 2016?

**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 and her spouse are ongoing recipients of Medical Assistance (MA) benefits.
2. On January 6, 2016, their Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility was re-determined. Petitioner was sent a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (DHS-1606) which stated they were eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) as a G2C deductible.
3. On January 19, 2016, Petitioner 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.

In this case, the Department took 2 of [REDACTED] bi-weekly pay check stubs, two of Petitioner's bi-weekly pay check stubs and determined that they were over the annual income limit for Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) eligibility. There is a computer printout in evidence (Department's Exhibit A page 5) which shows [REDACTED] monthly income as \$[REDACTED]. This page is the only evidence submitted on the issue of how the Department determined Petitioner and [REDACTED] exceed the MAGI income limit for HMP eligibility.

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 failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it determined Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility on January 6, 2016.

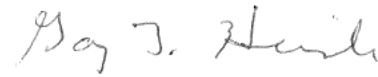
### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's decision **REVERSED**.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Re-instate Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) and determine ongoing Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility in accordance with Department policy.

2. Issue a current notice of the re-determined Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility.



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Gary Heisler  
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:

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Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P.O. Box 30639  
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**Petitioner**

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