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Date Mailed: April 19, 2016
MAHS Docket No.: 16-000690
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, a telephone hearing was held on March 15, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by his court appointed conservator, [REDACTED]. The Department was represented by Case Worker [REDACTED]. Testimony was received from all participants. Department's Exhibit A, pages 1 – 17 was admitted into evidence. Petitioner's Exhibit 1, pages 1 - 22 was admitted into evidence.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's August 31, 2015 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 August 31, 2015, an application for Medical Assistance (MA) was submitted for Petitioner.
2. On September 21, 2015, a Verification Checklist (DHS-3503) was issued for verification of Petitioner's assets including an insurance policy. The verifications were due on October 1, 2015.

3. On October 1, 2015, an account statement from 1st [REDACTED] was submitted. The date of the statement was September 4, 2015 and it showed a balance of [REDACTED]. (Department's Exhibit A page 15)
4. On October 15, 2015, a Benefit Notice (DHS-176) was issued which stated Petitioner was not eligible due to excess assets.
5. On January 11, 2016, Petitioner's conservator 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.

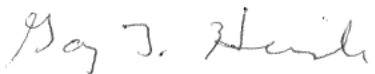
On October 15, 2015, when the Department's eligibility determination at issue was made, no further verification had been received regarding the balance in Petitioner's 1st [REDACTED] account which had an \$[REDACTED] balance on September 4, 2015. In accordance with Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 400 Assets, Petitioner's asset limit for Medical Assistance (MA) was \$[REDACTED]

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 denied Petitioner's August 31, 2015 application for Medical Assistance (MA).

DECISION AND ORDER

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

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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:

Michigan Administrative Hearings
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
P.O. Box 30639
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Authorized Hearing Rep.

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