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# STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM Christopher Seppanen Executive Director

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Agency No.:

**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, a telephone hearing was held on June 7, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by himself and Petitioner's wife, The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Eligibility Specialist.

# **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine the Petitioner's eligibility for Medicaid (MA) Cost Sharing Program (MSP)?

#### 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 MSP since January 2013 with a redetermination due.
- 2. On March 24, 2015, the Department sent the Petitioner a Verification Checklist, DHS 3503, that was due May 2, 2016 to provide written verification his bank account saving. Department Exhibit 1, pg. 8.
- 3. On April 20, 2016, the Petitioner's case was closed in error for failure to submit verification effective April 1, 2016.

- 4. On April 25, 2016, the Department received a hearing request from the Petitioner, contesting the Department's negative action.
- 5. On May 2, 2016, the Petitioner's MSP case was reinstated retroactive to April 1, 2016 by the Department because the banking verification was received timely on April 25, 2016. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. d-g.

# **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 MSP since January 2013 with a redetermination due. On March 24, 2015, the Department sent the Petitioner a Verification Checklist, DHS 3503, that was due May 2, 2016 to provide written verification his bank account saving. Department Exhibit 1, pg. 8. On April 20, 2016, the Petitioner's case was closed in error for failure to submit verification effective April 1, 2016. On April 25, 2016, the Department received a hearing request from the Petitioner, contesting the Department's negative action. On May 2, 2016, the Petitioner's MSP case was reinstated retroactive to April 1, 2016 by the Department because the banking verification was received timely on April 25, 2016. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. d-g. BEM 165 and 400.

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 reinstated the Petitioner's MSP case retroactive to April 1, 2016 because they had received the banking verification timely.

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

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

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:

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