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Date Mailed: March 28, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 16-001160

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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, a telephone hearing was held on March 24, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by the Petitioner. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED], Hearing Facilitator.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine the Petitioner's eligibility 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. On December 27, 2015, the Petitioner submitted an application for MA. Department Exhibit 5-12.
2. The Petitioner has a Social Security [REDACTED] income of [REDACTED] and she pays her MA part B premium of [REDACTED] Department Exhibit 15-17.

3. On January 5, 2016, the Petitioner was approved for MA with a deductible of [REDACTED] and the MA Savings Program that paid her MA part B premium of [REDACTED] beginning in February 1, 2016. Department Exhibit 21-27.
4. On January 25, 2016, 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 submitted an application for MA on December 27, 2015. Department Exhibit 5-12. The Petitioner has a Social Security [REDACTED] income of [REDACTED] and she pays her MA part B premium of [REDACTED]. Department Exhibit 15-17. On January 5, 2016, the Petitioner was approved for MA with a deductible of [REDACTED] and the MA Savings Program that paid her MA part B premium of [REDACTED] beginning in February 1, 2016. Department Exhibit 21-27. On January 25, 2016, the Department received a hearing request from the Petitioner, contesting the Department's negative action. BAM 115, 220, and 600. BEM 225, 400, 165, 211, 222, and 260. RFT 242.

Based on the Petitioner's income of [REDACTED] from Social Security [REDACTED], the Petitioner had excess income for MA Ad Care. As a result of her excess income for MA AD-Care, the Petitioner was determined eligible for a MA Spenddown/Deductible case. The Petitioner had Social Security income of [REDACTED]. After deductions of a [REDACTED] unearned income general exclusion and a protected income of [REDACTED] the Petitioner had a deductible of [REDACTED] that she must meet before being eligible for MA.

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 MA Ad Care, but was eligible for a MA Spenddown/Deductible case of [REDACTED].

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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

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*Carmen G. Fahie*

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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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