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Date Mailed: April 28, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 16-002823  
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 April 19, 2016 from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department was represented by Eligibility Specialist [REDACTED] and Assistance Payments Supervisor [REDACTED]. Testimony was received from all participants. Department's Exhibit A, pages 1 - 29 was admitted into evidence.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility on February 4, 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 was an ongoing recipient of Medical Assistance (MA) benefits under the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP).
2. On February 3, 2016, Petitioner submitted a Redetermination (DHS-1010) for her Food Assistance Program (FAP).
3. On February 4, 2016, Petitioner participated in a telephone interview for redetermination of her Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.

4. On February 4, 2016, Petitioner was sent a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (DHS-1606) which stated her Medical Assistance (MA) was changing from HMP to G2S with a \$ [REDACTED] deductible beginning March 1, 2016.
5. On February 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.

During this hearing the Department representative testified that he indicated in BRIDGES that Petitioner was not going to file taxes and that appears to be the reason she was changed from HMP to G2S. The Department did not assert that any section of their policy directed that not filing taxes meant a person was not eligible for HMP.

The Michigan Department of Community Health's Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Related Eligibility Manual (May 28, 2014) at Chapter 5 - Household Composition provides guidance for determining the household composition of a non-tax filer who is not claimed as a tax dependent. This shows that non-tax filers are not excluded from eligibility for HMP benefits.

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 February 4, 2016.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **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-determine Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility from March 1, 2016 in accordance with Department policy.
2. Issue Petitioner a current notice of her Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility from March 1, 2016 following the re-determination.



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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  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-8139

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