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Date Mailed: October 12, 2016
MAHS Docket No.: 16-011407
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

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/an telephone hearing was held on [REDACTED], from Detroit, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by Petitioner. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED], Hearings Facilitator.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny the Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Medical Assistance (MA) application?

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 [REDACTED], the Petitioner applied for FAP and MA benefits.
2. On [REDACTED], the Department sent the Petitioner a Notice of Case Action informing him that his FAP application had been denied for excess assets.
3. On [REDACTED], the Department sent the Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice informing him that his MA application had been denied for failure to provide requested verifications.
4. On [REDACTED], Petitioner requested a hearing to protest the denial of his FAP and MA application.

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 Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp program] is established by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, 7 USC 2011 to 2036a and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR 273. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001-.3011.

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 applied for FAP and MA; and the Department denied the application for excess assets.

At the hearing, the Department testified that it had located four separate properties owned by the Petitioner and then asked for documentation of the value of those properties.

Evidence provided at the hearing shows that the Department provided information on two properties: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], both in [REDACTED]

One of the two properties is the Petitioner's homestead. Although the Petitioner rents part his homestead, it appears to be under one address based on the evidence provided at hearing.

The Petitioner testified that he rents out a flat in the same building in which he lives.

The Department provided documentation of the valuation of the two properties based on the property tax levied.

The Petitioner testified that the other two properties that the Department is including as assets have either been sold or are jointly owned, and thus, cannot be counted as the Petitioner's asset.

However, there was no documentation or description of the other properties.

The Petitioner is advised to provide the documentation requested by the Department including all income/rent received.

DECISION AND ORDER


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 failed to provide the documentation of all the properties it wished to count as the Petitioner's assets.

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. Reregister and reprocess the Petitioner's [REDACTED], FAP and MA application.
2. Supplement for any missed benefits.

MJB/jaf



Michael J. Bennane
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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Petitioner

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Via email

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