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Date Mailed: October 14, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 16-012655  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Susanne E. Harris

### **HEARING DECISION**

Following the 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 October 11, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner, [REDACTED] appeared and testified. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Hearing Facilitator, [REDACTED]

### **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The record closed at the end of the hearing. The following exhibits were offered and admitted into evidence:

Department: A—July 11, 2016, Redetermination.  
B---July 26, 2016, Redetermination.  
C--- August 29, 2016, Health Care Coverage Determination Notice.  
D--- Petitioner's SOLQ.  
E--- Petitioner's SLMB budget.  
F--- Petitioner's MA-G2S budget.  
G---Petitioner's MA-AD Care budget.  
H---Petitioner's QMB budget.

Petitioner: None.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly take action to reduce the Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) benefits?

### **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 an on-going recipient of full MA.
2. In January, 2016, the Petitioner became eligible for Medicare.
3. In July, the Petitioner had a Redetermination. The Redetermination was returned on July 26, 2016.
4. On August 29, 2016, the Department sent the Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice informing the Petitioner she was no longer eligible for full MA and was now only eligible for MA with a deductible of \$ [REDACTED]
5. On September 2, 2016, the Department received the Petitioner's written hearing request protesting the Department's determination.

### **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.

Furthermore, BEM 137 (2016) p. 1, provides that the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) is based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methodology. The Healthy Michigan Plan provides health care coverage for a category of eligibility authorized under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Michigan Public Act 107 of 2013 effective April 1, 2014. The Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) provides health care coverage for individuals who:

- Are 19-64 years of age
- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in Medicare
- Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in other Medicaid programs

- Are not pregnant at the time of application
- Meet Michigan residency requirements
- Meet Medicaid citizenship requirements
- Have income at or below 133 percent Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

In this case, it is not contested that the Petitioner became eligible for Medicare and started to receive RSDI in January, 2016. As such, the Petitioner is no longer eligible for full MA under the HMP. The Petitioner does not contest the amounts the Department used as income in her budgets. The Petitioner did testify that she felt it was unfair that she now be subject to a high deductible. It was explained to the Petitioner that the Administrative Law Judge has no equity jurisdiction. A close review of the budgets in evidence establish that the Department was acting in accordance with its policy when determining that the Petitioner is only eligible for MA with a \$ [REDACTED] deductible.

### **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 acted in accordance with Department policy when it took action to reduce the Petitioner's MA benefits.

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



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Susanne E. Harris  
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

**DHHS**

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**Petitioner**

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