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Date Mailed: June 6, 2017  
MAHS Docket No.: 17-004291  
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 May 4, 2017, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department was represented by Hearing Facilitator [REDACTED]

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility on February 8, 2017?

### **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. Her eligibility was due for re-determination beginning February 1, 2017.
2. On February 8, 2017, Petitioner was sent a Benefit Notice (DHS-176) which stated she was eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) beginning February 1, 2017, with an \$ [REDACTED] deductible.
3. On March 24, 2017, 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.

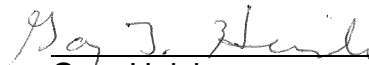
During this hearing Petitioner's SSI Related Medicaid financial eligibility budget was reviewed. Petitioner verified that she receives \$ [REDACTED] per month of Retirement, Survivor, Disability Income (RSDI). Petitioner was provided with the \$ [REDACTED] unearned income general exclusion and the \$ [REDACTED] COLA exclusion. Petitioner's countable income was \$ [REDACTED]. In accordance with Reference Table (RFT) 240 MA Monthly Protected Income Levels (12-1-2013) Petitioner's Protected Income is \$ [REDACTED]. In accordance with: Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 166 Group 2 Aged, Blind and Disabled; Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 544 MA Needs – Group 2; and Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 545 MA Group 2 Income Eligibility Petitioner is eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) with an \$ [REDACTED] deductible.

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 Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility on February 8, 2017.

### DECISION AND ORDER

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

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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  
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