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# STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM Christopher Seppanen Executive Director

SHELLY EDGERTON



Date Mailed: July 17, 2017 MAHS Docket No.: 17-006614

Agency No.: Petitioner:

**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 July 12, 2017, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department was represented by Assistance Payment Worker and Family Independence Manager

# **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility on May 4, 2017?

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility on May 4, 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 under the Healthy Michigan Plan category, and Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits.
- 2. On April 18, 2017, Petitioner submitted a Redetermination (DHS-1010) form. On the form Petitioner reported employment and also submitted income verification.

- 3. On May 4, 2017, Petitioner was sent a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (DHS-1606) which stated she was not eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) benefits under the Healthy Michigan Plan category due to excess income.
- 4. On May 4, 2017, Petitioner was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated she was eligible for per month of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits beginning April 1, 2017.
- 5. On May 9, 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 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.

During this hearing Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) and Food Assistance Program (FAP) financial eligibility budgets were reviewed and explained. Her income calculations for the two different programs were verified. The Medical Assistance (MA) and Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility determinations were found to be correct. 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 and Food Assistance Program (FAP) eligibility on May 4, 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:

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