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Date Mailed: July 24, 2018 MAHS Docket No.: 18-004741

Agency No.: 113553320 Petitioner:

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

#### **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; 42 CFR 438.400 to 438.424; 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 5, 2018, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by himself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Christine Brown, Eligibility Specialist.

#### <u>ISSUE</u>

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's eligibility for Medical Assistance (MA)?

#### 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 a recipient of MA-Healthy Michigan Program (HMP).
- 2. On April 1, 2018, Petitioner's employer submitted New Hire information about the Petitioner's earned employment income.
- 3. On April 16, 2018, the Department Caseworker sent Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice, DHS 1606, that his MA case was closed effective May 1, 2018, due to excess income. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 3-6.

On April 27, 2018, the Department received a hearing request from Petitioner, contesting the Department's negative action.

### 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.

In this case, Petitioner had excess income for HMP. During the hearing, Petitioner thought that the money that he paid for his child support should be deducted from his gross income. However, child support payments are not a deductible expense for HMP per BEM 500, pgs. 4-5. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 8-9.

Petitioner had a monthly gross income of \_\_\_\_\_\_. Department Exhibit II, pg. a. His yearly gross income was which exceeds the HMP limit of a household of one at \$16,146.20. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 3-6. As a result, Petitioner has excess income for HMP.

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 that Petitioner had excess income for HMP.

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

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

Carmen G. Fahie

Administrative Law Judge for Nick Lyon, Director

Department of Health and Human Services

CF/dh

**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) 763-0155; Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

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