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Date Mailed: September 20, 2018
MAHS Docket No.: 18-006506
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

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 August 9, 2018, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by himself and [REDACTED], Case Manager from American Indian Services. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Danielle Sparks, Eligibility Specialist, and Jennifer Cole, Lead Eligibility Specialist.

ISSUE

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

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 with a monthly deductible of \$638 as a result of an increase of Social Security (SS) RSDI income to [REDACTED]. Department Exhibit 1, 2A, and 2B.
2. On May 24, 2018, the Department Caseworker sent Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice, DHS 1606, that his MA deductible was increasing to \$659.00 as a result of an increase of SS RSDI income to [REDACTED]. Department Exhibit 3, 3A, and 3B.

3. On June 22, 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 was a recipient of MA with a monthly deductible of \$638 as a result of an increase of SS RSDI income to \$1,033.00. Department Exhibit 1, 2A, and 2B. On May 24, 2018, the Department Caseworker sent Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice, DHS 1606, that his MA deductible was increasing to \$659.00 as a result of an increase of SS RSDI income to \$1,054.00. Department Exhibit 3, 3A, and 3B.

For the redetermination of eligibility, Petitioner had SS RSDI income of [REDACTED]. After deductions of a \$20 unearned income general exclusion and a protected income of \$375, Petitioner had a deductible of \$659.00 that he must meet before being eligible for MA. Department Exhibit 1, pg. 39-40. Petitioner stated to the Department that he could not afford the monthly deductible amount. The Department provided him with a copy of a brochure for Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). BEM 167.

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 determined that Petitioner had excess income for MA with a monthly deductible of \$659.00.

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

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Carmen G. Fahie
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) 763-0155; Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

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

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