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Date Mailed: February 8, 2019  
MAHS Docket No.: 18-012600  
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 January 9, 2019, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Natalie McLaurin, Hearing Facilitator.

**ISSUE**

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. On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 2018, and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 2018, Petitioner filed MA applications for benefits. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 5-23.
2. On October 4, 2018, the Department Caseworker sent Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice, DHS-1606, that Petitioner was eligible for MA with a medical deductible. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 39-44.
3. On October 22, 2018, Petitioner submitted a Deductible Report, DHS-114A, and medical expenses from Covenant Healthcare. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 45-49.
4. On November 20, 2018, the Department Caseworker sent Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice, DHS 1606, that Petitioner was eligible for full

coverage MA, Group 2 Pregnant Women (MA-G2P) for July 2018 with a medical deductible. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 50-52.

5. On November 20, 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 MA resulting in a deductible. She submitted medical expenses on October 22, 2018, that were incurred in June 2018 but were used for the month of July 2018 instead. Petitioner qualified for MA-G2P for the period of July 2018 ongoing. BAM 105, 110, 115, 130, 220, and 300. BEM 105, 125, 126, 131, 136, 211, 500, 530, and 536. On January 9, 2019, a ticket was opened on BRIDGES BR-0452244 for the medical deductible to be met for June 2018 not July 2018. Department Exhibit 1, pg. a. The Department is aware of the error and have been unable to fix it.

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 issued a BR# 0452244 ticket to fix the issue. However, the issue is still not resolved, and the error persists.

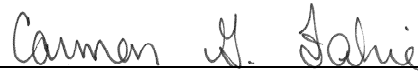
### **DECISION AND ORDER**

ACCORDINGLY, THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION IS **REVERSED**. THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Expedite the ticket BR# 0452244 to fix the issue.

2. Based on policy, the Department should provide Petitioner with written notification of the Department's revised eligibility determination and issue Petitioner any retroactive benefits she may be eligible to receive, if any.

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**Carmen G. Fahie**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Robert Gordon, 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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