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Date Mailed: March 15, 2019  
MAHS Docket No.: 19-000591  
Agency No.: ██████████  
Petitioner: ██████ ██████

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Jeffrey Kemm

**HEARING DECISION**

Following Petitioner's request for a hearing, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; 42 CFR 438.400 to 438.424; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on March 13, 2019, from Lansing, Michigan. ██████████ Petitioner, appeared with his mother, ██████████ Cheryl Watkins, Assistance Payments Supervisor, appeared with Tiara Woody, Assistance Payments Worker, for the Department. Neither party had any additional witnesses.

One exhibit was admitted into evidence during the hearing. An 18-page packet of documents provided by the Department was admitted collectively as the Department's Exhibit A.

**ISSUE**

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

**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 held seasonal employment until approximately August 2018.
2. On ██████████ ██████████ 2018, Petitioner applied for MA from the Department. In Petitioner's application, Petitioner answered "Yes" when asked "is anyone in your household employed now or in the last 30 days." Petitioner listed his seasonal employment. When asked "has anyone in your household had a change in employment in the last 30 days," Petitioner answered "Yes" and commented "seasonal work, returned to school."

3. On September 11, 2018, the Department issued a Verification Checklist to Petitioner to obtain information about his income to review his eligibility for MA.
4. Petitioner provided the Department with the requested information, including his check stubs from his seasonal employment.
5. On October 23, 2018, the Department issued a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice which notified Petitioner that he was eligible for MA with a monthly deductible of \$1,071.00 based on his budgeted annual income of \$ [REDACTED]
6. On January 10, 2019, Petitioner filed a hearing request to dispute the Department's decision.

### **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.

The Department did not present sufficient evidence to establish that it determined Petitioner's MA eligibility in accordance with its policies and the applicable law. The Department budgeted an annual income of \$ [REDACTED] for Petitioner when it determined his MA eligibility, and the Department did not present any evidence to establish how it budgeted Petitioner's income. Petitioner disputed his budgeted income. Without the Department's budget information, the undersigned is unable to determine whether the Department made the correct determination pursuant to its policies and the applicable law. Therefore, I must find that the Department did not act in accordance with its policies and the applicable law when it determined Petitioner's MA eligibility.

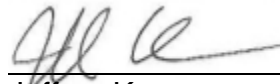
**DECISION AND ORDER**

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 did not act in accordance with its policies and the applicable law when it determined Petitioner's eligibility for MA.

IT IS ORDERED the Department's decision is **REVERSED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Department shall initiate a review of its determination of Petitioner's MA eligibility.

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Jeffrey Kemm  
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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