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## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS MICHIGAN OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

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Date Mailed: August 14, 2019 MOAHR Docket No.: 19-007135

Agency No.: Petitioner:

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW MANAGER: Alice C. Elkin

## ORDER CONVERTING SCHEDULED HEARING TO PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Pursuant to notice, a contested case hearing was scheduled with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) in the above captioned matter on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. A review of the file in this matter showed that there were procedural issues that needed to be addressed before the hearing commenced, namely (1) the authority of to represent the interests of Petitioner who is deceased, and (2) whether the issue presented involves a hearable issue concerning Department benefits under Rule 1002 of the Michigan Administrative Hearing Rules, Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002, and the Department's Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) 600 (July 2019), p. 5. An evidentiary hearing may be converted to a prehearing conference upon a showing of good cause. Mich Admin Code, R 792.10122. The procedural issues present in this matter establish good cause to convert the hearing to a prehearing conference.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the hearing in the above captioned matter currently scheduled for August 22, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. is converted to a prehearing conference. has elected to participate from the Department's local Kalamazoo office where the hearing had been scheduled at 322 Stockbridge, Kalamazoo 49001. The assigned administrative law judge will call the local office at the number provided by the Department at the scheduled time and conduct the prehearing conference via telephone.

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**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 Office Administrative Hearings and Rules.

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Petitioner

Authorized Hearing Rep.