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Date Mailed: January 12, 2018  
MAHS Docket No.: 17-012124  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Kevin Scully

**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; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10. On October 4, 2017, a Notice of Hearing was issued. On October 19, 2017, Petitioner's request for a hearing was dismissed, but the dismissal was vacated on November 28, 2017. After a second notice of hearing was sent on November 29, 2017, a telephone hearing was held on December 13, 2017, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner represented himself. The Department was represented by Daryl Showers and Linda Schaefer.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) properly close Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) benefits?

**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 an ongoing Medical Assistance (MA) recipient.
2. The Petitioner's wife receives monthly earned income in the gross weekly amount of \$1,100.
3. On August 28, 2017, the Department notified Petitioner that he was no longer eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) effective October 1, 2017.
4. On September 5, 2017, the Department received Petitioner's request for a hearing protesting the closure of his Medical Assistance (MA) benefits.

### **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 income limit to participate in the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) is 133% of the federal poverty level. Department of Health and Human Services Reference Table Manual (RFT) 246 (April 1, 2014), p 1.

Petitioner was an ongoing MA recipient under the HMP category when the Department redetermined his eligibility for ongoing benefits. Petitioner's wife received earned income in the gross weekly amount of \$1,100, which was reported to the Department by Petitioner's wife and was not disputed during the hearing. The poverty level for a group of two is \$415.37 per week.

Petitioner testified that the denial of medical benefits will be a hardship on him.

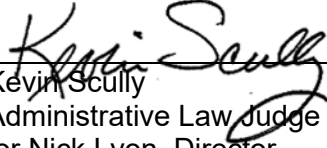
Administrative Law Judges have no authority to make overrule promulgated regulations, or make exceptions to the department policy set out in the program manuals. Administrative adjudication is an exercise of executive power rather than judicial power, and restricts the granting of equitable remedies. Michigan Mutual Liability Co. v Baker, 295 Mich 237; 294 NW 168 (1940).

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 closed Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) benefits based on the earned income received by the Department.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.

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Kevin Scully  
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.

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