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Date Mailed: June 27, 2019  
MOAHR Docket No.: 19-004159  
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 May 29, 2019, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Tracie Old, Hearing Specialist.

### **ISSUE**

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

### **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 benefits.
2. On March 28, 2019, Petitioner left her Department Caseworker a voicemail asking about an unearned income notice. Department Exhibit 1, pg. 1.
3. On March 28, 2019, the Department Caseworker called Petitioner back and found out that she gets dividend pay outs quarterly from stocks that she owns of 200 shares of Steelcase at \$14.96 a share for a value of \$2,992. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 1 and 5-6.

4. On March 28, 2019, the Department Caseworker sent Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice, DHS-1606, that she had excess assets for MA and is not eligible for MA effective May 1, 2019. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 2-4.
5. On April 11, 2019, 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.

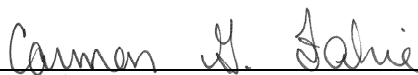
In this case, Petitioner was a recipient of MA, which required her to not have excess assets greater than \$2,000. She received dividend pay outs quarterly from stocks that she owns of 200 shares of Steelcase at \$14.96 a share for a value of \$2,992. Department Exhibit 1, pgs. 1 and 5-6. As a result, Petitioner failed the asset test for MA with a total countable asset of \$3,003.32 with a MA program asset limit of \$2,000. Department Exhibit 1, pg. 7. BEM 400 and ERM 205.

### **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 closed Petitioner's MA case due to excess assets.

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

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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 Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Order if the request is received by MOAHR 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. MOAHR will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration.

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