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Date Mailed: September 13, 2019
MOAHR Docket No.: 19-008358
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Amanda M. T. Marler

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 September 11, 2019, from Detroit, Michigan. The Petitioner was self-represented. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED] Assistance Payments Worker. Translation services were provided by Department employee [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's son's Medical Assistance (MA) Program 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. On May 16, 2019, the Department issued a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (HCCDN) to Petitioner informing him that his son was eligible for MA with a deductible in the amount of [REDACTED] for the period April 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019 and Transitional MA for June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020.
2. On July 29, 2019, the Department received Petitioner's request for hearing disputing the Department's determination of MA eligibility for his son.

3. On August 6, 2019, the Department requested a Help Desk ticket to resolve the error created in determining Petitioner's son's MA eligibility; the ticket number is BR-0506109.
4. As of the hearing on September 11, 2019, the Help Desk Ticket had not been resolved.

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, the Department concedes there was an error in processing Petitioner's son's MA eligibility. The Department did not present any evidence on how the Department arrived at the conclusion that Petitioner's son was eligible for a deductible MA program nor any evidence on why he should be eligible for a different MA program.

Children over age one and under age 19 are potentially eligible for three programs: (1) the Under Age 19 (U19) program; (2) the MiChild program; and (3) the Group 2 Under 21 (G2U) program. BEM 105 (April 2017), pp. 1, 3-4; BEM 130 (July 2016), p. 1; BEM 131 (June 2015), p. 1; BEM 132 (April 2018), p. 1. The U19 program is a Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI)-related Group 1 MA category, meaning that it provides full-coverage MA without a deductible for children whose household's income, calculated in accordance with MAGI rules, meets the income eligibility limits. BEM 131, p. 1. Income eligibility for MiChild is also determined according to MAGI rules. BEM 130, p. 1. Children whose household income exceeds the income limit for U19 or MiChild eligibility may be eligible for MA under the G2U category, with a deductible equal to the amount the child's net income (countable income minus allowable income deductions) which exceeds the applicable Group 2 MA protected income level (PIL) based on the county in which the child resides and child's fiscal group size. BEM 132, p. 2; BEM 544 (July 2016), p. 1; RFT 240 (December 2013), p. 1. However, G2U is subject to other eligibility factors including assets. BEM 132, p. 2. Under federal law,

the child is entitled to the most beneficial category, which is the one that results in eligibility, the least amount of excess income, or the lowest cost share. BEM 105, p. 2.

Since the Department presented no evidence of eligibility for any MA program and only conceded that its determination from May 16, 2019 was incorrect, the Department has not met its burden of proof in establishing that its placement of Petitioner's son in an MA deductible program was in accordance with policy.

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. Redetermine Petitioner's son's MA eligibility effective April 1, 2019 and resolve Help Desk Ticket Number BR-0506109;
2. If Petitioner's son is otherwise eligible, issue supplements to Petitioner or on his son's behalf for benefits not previously received; and,
3. Notify Petitioner in writing of its decision.

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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.

A written request may be mailed or faxed to MOAHR. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 763-0155; Attention: MOAHR Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

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