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Date Mailed: October 29, 2019
MOAHR Docket No.: 19-008649
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. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on October 2, 2019, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner represented herself. The Department of Health and Human Services was represented by Stephanie Sher and Jeffrey Robinson.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) properly determine Petitioner's eligibility for Child Development and Care (CDC) 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. On [REDACTED], 2019, the Department received Petitioner's application for Child Development and Care (CDC) benefits.
2. On August 1, 2019, the Department notified Petitioner that she was not eligible for Child Development and Care (CDC) benefits as of June 23, 2019. Exhibit A, pp 5-6.
3. On August 6, 2019, the Department received Petitioner's request for a hearing protesting the denial of Child Development and Care (CDC) benefits. Exhibit A, pp 2-3.

4. On August 13, 2019, the Department sent Petitioner a Verification Checklist (DHS-3503) requesting verification of income by August 23, 2019. Exhibit A, pp 9-11.

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 Child Development and Care (CDC) program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 601-619, 670-679c, and 1397-1397m-5; the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, PL 101-508, 42 USC 9858 to 9858q; and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, PL 104-193. The program is implemented by 45 CFR 98.1-99.33. The Department administers the program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and Mich Admin Code, R 400.5001-.5020.

To be eligible for the CDC program at application, a program group's countable gross monthly income must not exceed the maximum monthly gross income limit by family size associated with the program entry limit (\$15 Family Contribution category). Income eligible families may have a co-payment amount called a family contribution. Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 703 (October 1, 2019), p 16. The CDC entry income limit is \$2,213. Department of Health and Human Services Reference Table Manual (RFT) 270 (March 1, 2019), p 1.

On July 2, 2019, the Department received Petitioner's application for CDC benefits. The Department's representative testified that Petitioner's modified adjusted gross income, an amount used to determine eligibility for Medicaid, was applied towards the household's eligibility for CDC benefits. On August 13, 2019, the Department sent out income and expense verification forms.

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 Department policy when it determined Petitioner's eligibility for Child Development and Care (CDC) benefits.


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:

Initiate a determination of Petitioner's eligibility for Child Development and Care (CDC) benefits as of July 2, 2019, and issue Petitioner any retroactive benefits she may be eligible to receive, if any.

KS/hb



Kevin Scully
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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