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Date Mailed: February 4, 2020
MOAHR Docket No.: 19-013265
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 January 23, 2020, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner represented herself and [REDACTED] testified on her behalf. The Department of Health and Human Services was represented by Tracey Parker.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) properly determine the level of Medical Assistance (MA) Petitioner is eligible for?

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 is an ongoing recipient of Medical Assistance (MA) as a household of one.
2. On October 1, 2019, the Department received Petitioner's Redetermination (DHS-1010) form. Exhibit A, pp 4-11.
3. Petitioner received Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) in the gross monthly amount of \$1,267. Exhibit A, p 19.
4. On October 10, 2019, the Department notified Petitioner that she is eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) benefits with a \$790 monthly deductible effective November 1, 2019. Exhibit A, pp 12-15.

5. On December 3, 2019, the Department received Petitioner's request for a hearing protesting the level of Medical Assistance (MA) that she is eligible for. Exhibit A, pp 1-2.

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.

Persons may qualify under more than one MA category. Federal law gives them the right to the most beneficial category. The most beneficial category is the one that results in eligibility or the least amount of excess income. Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 105 (April 1, 2017), p 2.

Persons who are aged or disabled are eligible for "full" Medicaid with an income that does not exceed the federal poverty level. Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 163 (July 1, 2017), p 1.

Petitioner receives RSDI in the gross monthly amount of \$1,267, which exceeds the federal poverty level for a household of one, which is \$1,043. Therefore, Petitioner is not eligible for ongoing "full" MA benefits based on her income.

The Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) is another category of "full" MA benefits, but it is not available for individuals over 64 years of age. Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 137 (January 1, 2020), p 1.

A review of Petitioner's case reveals that the Department budgeted correct amount of income received by Petitioner. Due to her age, Petitioner is eligible for ongoing MA benefits but the Department's determination that Petitioner has a \$790 deductible per month she must meet in order to qualify for MA for any medical expenses above is therefore correct.

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 determined the level of Medical Assistance (MA) that Petitioner is eligible for.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.

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).

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