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Date Mailed: October 13, 2020 MOAHR Docket No.: 20-005518

Agency No.: Petitioner:

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Aaron McClintic

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 30, 2020, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by himself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by John Frankhauser, AP Supervisor. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-12 was received and admitted.

<u>ISSUE</u>

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

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 applied for MA in 2019 with a request for retroactive coverage for October 2019.
- 2. On May 20, 2020, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was sent to Petitioner informing him that he was not eligible for coverage in October 2019 or November 2019 due to excess income.
- 3. In October 2019, Petitioner was working a catering company 35-40 hours per week earning per hour.
- 4. On August 15, 2020, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the denial of MA coverage.

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 acknowledged at hearing that he was working at a catering company 35-40 hours per week and earning per hour in October 2019. Petitioner's annualized income was which was well over the \$16,976 annual income limit for the MA-HMP program. Therefore, the Department's denial for excess income was proper and correct and consistent with Department policy. 42 USC 435.119

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 denied Petitioner MA coverage for the month of October 2019.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

AM/nr

Aaron McClintic

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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