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Date Mailed: March 29, 2021  
MOAHR Docket No.: 21-000570  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**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 March 16, 2021, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by himself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Niquoya Brown, Eligibility Specialist. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-8 was received and admitted.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) application for failing to return verifications?

### **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 for himself and his wife.
2. On December 7, 2020, a verification checklist was sent to Petitioner with a December 17, 2020, due date.
3. On December 22, 2020, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was sent to Petitioner informing him that his application was denied for failing to return verifications.
4. On January 22, 2021, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the denial of MA.
5. Petitioner submitted income tax documents on January 22, 2021.

## **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.

Verifications are considered to be timely if received by the date they are due. For electronically transmitted verifications (fax, email or Mi Bridges document upload), the date of the transmission is the receipt date. Verifications that are submitted after the close of regular business hours through the drop box or by delivery of a MDHHS representative are considered to be received the next business day.

Send a negative action notice when:

- The client indicates refusal to provide a verification, or
- The time period given has elapsed and the client has not made a reasonable effort to provide it. BAM 130 (January 2020)

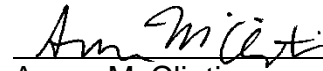
In this case, Petitioner did not submit required verifications prior to the deadline on the verification checklist and Petitioner did not request an extension. Petitioner explained that he and his wife were having health problems during this time and that was why they were not able to submit the verifications. Department policy requires that verifications be submitted within 10 days. Department policy allows for extension to be granted for situations like Petitioner's. However, Petitioner did not request an extension and the Department was unaware of Petitioner's difficulty with submitting verifications. Therefore, it was proper and correct for the Department to deny Petitioner's MA application once the deadline for submitting verifications had passed. BAM 130

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's MA application for failing to return verifications.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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

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Aaron McClintic  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Elizabeth Hertel, 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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