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MOAHR Docket No.: 23-000148-RECON	
Agency No.:	
Petitioner:	

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Danielle Nuccio

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR REHEARING AND/OR RECONSIDERATION

On March 16, 2023, the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) received from Petitioner, **Monormality**, a request for rehearing and/or reconsideration of the Hearing Decision issued on February 23, 2023, by the undersigned administrative law judge (ALJ) at the conclusion of the hearing conducted on February 21, 2023 in the above-captioned matter.

The rehearing and reconsideration process is governed by the Michigan Administrative Code, Rule 792.11015, *et seq.*, and applicable policy in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) 600, which provide that a rehearing or reconsideration must be filed in a timely manner consistent with the statutory requirements of the particular program that is the basis for the client's benefits application or services at issue and may be granted so long as the reasons for which the request is made comply with the policy and statutory requirements. MCL 24.287 also provides a statutory basis for a rehearing of an administrative hearing.

A rehearing is a full hearing which may be granted if either of the following applies:

- The original hearing record is inadequate for purposes of judicial review; or
- There is newly discovered evidence that existed at the time of the original hearing that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision. [BAM 600 (March 2021), p. 44.]

A reconsideration is a paper review of the facts, law or legal arguments and any newly discovered evidence that existed at the time of the hearing. It may be granted when the original hearing record is adequate for purposes of judicial review and a rehearing is not necessary, but one of the parties is able to demonstrate that the presiding ALJ failed to accurately address all the relevant issues raised in the hearing request. BAM 600, p. 44.

Reconsiderations may be granted if requested for one of the following reasons:

- Misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision, which led to the wrong decision;
- Typographical errors, mathematical error, or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that affect the substantial rights of the petitioner; or
- Failure of the Administrative Law Judge to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision. [BAM 600, p. 45.]

A request for reconsideration which presents the same issues previously ruled on, either expressly or by reasonable implication, shall not be granted. Mich Admin Code, R 792.10135.

In the instant case, the undersigned issued a Hearing Decision in the above-captioned matter finding MDHHS acted in accordance with Department policy when it determined Petitioner to be eligible for **MDHHS** in monthly FAP benefits. Petitioner was advised that in the future he may submit medical expenses to MDHHS for their consideration in Petitioner's household budget. Petitioner reported that he does not pay rent or a mortgage but pays back taxes and current taxes for the property. MDHHS testified that they calculated **MDHHS** in monthly taxes based upon Petitioner's report of paying in yearly taxes. Petitioner did not dispute this amount.

In his request for rehearing and/or reconsideration, Petitioner discusses his housing expenses and medical expenses. Petitioner does not raise any arguments that he did not address at the hearing.

Petitioner does not allege that the original hearing record is inadequate for judicial review or that there is newly discovered evidence (or evidence that could not have been discovered at the time of the hearing had a reasonable effort been made to do so). Therefore, Petitioner has failed to establish a basis for a rehearing.

Furthermore, a full review of Petitioner's request fails to demonstrate that the undersigned misapplied manual policy or law in the Hearing Decision; committed typographical, mathematical, or other obvious errors in the Hearing Decision that affected Petitioner's substantial rights; or failed to address other relevant issues in the Hearing Decision. Therefore, Petitioner has not established a basis for reconsideration.

Petitioner is advised to submit medical expenses to MDHHS for their consideration in his household budget.

Accordingly, the request for rehearing and/or reconsideration is **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DN/tlf

Danielle Nuccio Administrative Law Judge

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 Administrative Hearings and Rules.

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