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Date Mailed: April 25, 2023
MOAHR Docket No.: 23-001526
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 April 20, 2023, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Brad Reno, Hearing Facilitator. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-32 was received and admitted.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Medical Assistance eligibility?

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 2019, Petitioner applied for MA on behalf of her son.
- 2. On August 7, 2019, MA-LIF was approved for Petitioner's son.
- 3. Petitioner's son was found to be disabled by the Social Security Administration with an onset date of April 5, 2022, and a Medicaid effective date of May 1, 2022.
- 4. On November 7, 2022, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was sent to Petitioner informing her that her son's MA-LIF was closing effective December 1, 2022.
- 5. On December 1, 2023, MA-SSI was opened for Petitioner's son.

- 6. Petitioner submitted a bill for her son to a provider for a service date in November 2022, and payment was denied.
- 7. On March 7, 2023, Petitioner requested hearing.
- 8. The Department representative agreed at hearing that Petitioner's son was active MA for November 2022.

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, the Department representative agreed at hearing that Petitioner's son was active MA for the month of November 2022 and had no lapses in coverage. This was satisfactory to the Petitioner.

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 failed to activate MA coverage for November 2022.

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:

1. Activate MA coverage for November 2022.

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Aaron McClintic 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 of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR).

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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.

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