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Date Mailed: October 19, 2023
MOAHR Docket No.: 23-005481
Agency No.: ██████████
Petitioner: █████ █████

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 October 12, 2023, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner represented himself. The Department was represented by Krista Hainey.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) properly close Petitioner’s Medical Assistance (MA) benefits?

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 August █ 2023, the Department received an application for Medical Assistance (MA) that had been transferred through the Federally Facilitated Marketplace. Exhibit A, p 10.
2. Petitioner received weekly paychecks in the gross weekly amounts of \$██████ on August 4, 2023, \$██████ on August 11, 2023, and \$██████ on August 21, 2023. Exhibit A, p 8.
3. On August █ 2023, the Department notified Petitioner that he was not eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) effective September 1, 2023. Exhibit A, p 5.
4. On August 31, 2023, the Department received Petitioner’s request for a hearing protesting the closure of his Medical Assistance (MA) benefits. Exhibit A, p 3.

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 through 42 USC 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 through 42 CFR 420.25. The Department administers the MA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10, and MCL 400.103 through MCL 400.112k of the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1 *et seq.*

The income limit to participate in the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) is 133% of the federal poverty level. Department of Health and Human Services Reference Table Manual (RFT) 246 (April 1, 2014), p 1.

MA-only eligibility is determined on a calendar month basis. Unless policy specifies otherwise, circumstances that existed, or are expected to exist, during the calendar month being tested are used to determine eligibility for that month. When determining eligibility for a future month, assume circumstances as of the processing date will continue unchanged unless you have information that indicates otherwise. Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 105 (January 1, 2016), p 2.

Department policy is consistent with federal regulations under 42 CFR § 435.603(h) that state:

Financial eligibility for Medicaid for applicants, and other individuals not receiving Medicaid benefits at the point at which eligibility for Medicaid is being determined, must be based on current monthly household income and family size.

Petitioner submitted an application for assistance through the Federally Facilitated Marketplace as a household of one. The hearing record supports a finding that Petitioner received earned income from employment in the gross amount of \$██████████ in August of 2023. This gross income is 161% of the federal poverty level for a household of one. On August ████████ 2023, the Department notified Petitioner that he is not eligible for MA benefits based on his income.

Petitioner credibly testified that his employment is ending and that he is unable to continue working and that he does not receive the annual income listed on the eligibility notice.


As Petitioner's circumstances change, his eligibility for MA assistance may change in the future, but the hearing record supports a finding that Petitioner is not eligible for MA benefits based on his income in August of 2023.

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 application for Medical Assistance (MA) benefits.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.

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Kevin Scully
Administrative Law Judge
Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings
and Rules (MOAHR)

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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