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Date Mailed: May 29, 2024
MOAHR Docket No.: 24-002844
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

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 May 16, 2024, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner represented herself. The Department was represented by Jerica Hall.

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. Petitioner is employed and she received earned income from that employment in the gross bi-weekly amounts of \$ [REDACTED] on January [REDACTED] 2024, \$ [REDACTED] on January [REDACTED] 2024, \$ [REDACTED] on February [REDACTED] 2024, and \$ [REDACTED] on February [REDACTED] 2024. Exhibit A, pp 9-16.
2. On February [REDACTED] 2024, the Department notified Petitioner that she was not eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) as of March 1, 2024. Exhibit A, p 4.
3. On February 29, 2024, the Department received Petitioner's request for a hearing protesting the closure of her 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.

Petitioner was an ongoing recipient of MA benefits under the Healthy Michigan Program (HMP) when the Department initiated a review of her eligibility for ongoing benefits. Petitioner provided the Department with copies of her bi-weekly paychecks. Petitioner's average gross monthly income based on these paychecks is 226% of the federal poverty level for a household of one. Petitioner has an adult daughter (over the age of 18) in the home, but no evidence was presented on the record that Petitioner claims her daughter as a tax dependent. Petitioner would also not be eligible as a household of two based on her earned income.


Petitioner is not disabled or the caretaker of a minor child under 18, and she is not eligible for any other category of MA benefits other than the HMP category.

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 determined that Petitioner is not eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) under the Healthy Michigan Program (HMP) based on her earned income from employment.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.

KS/dm



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.

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