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Date Mailed: May 10, 2024
MOAHR Docket No.: 24-003712
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Kevin Scully

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL
FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION**

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 8, 2024, from Detroit, Michigan. Petitioner represented herself and [REDACTED] testified on her behalf. The Department was represented by Marcella Towns.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) properly deny Petitioner's request for Direct Support Services (DSS)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. In April of 2023, Petitioner submitted a request for a vehicle purchase.
2. On May [REDACTED] 2023, the Department notified Petitioner that her request had been denied.
3. On May [REDACTED] 2023, the Department received Petitioner's request for a hearing protesting the denial of Direct Support Services (DSS).

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).

Direct Support Services (DSS) is established by the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b. The program is administered by the Department pursuant to MCL 400.10 and 400.57a and Mich Admin Code R 400.3603.

Clients have the right to contest a department decision affecting eligibility or benefit levels whenever it is believed that the decision is incorrect. The Department will provide an administrative hearing to review the decision and determine the appropriateness. The Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) may grant a hearing for any of the following:

- Denial of an application and/or supplemental payments.
- Reduction in the amount of program benefits or service.
- Suspension or termination of program benefits or service.
- Restrictions under which benefits, or services are provided.
- Delay of any action beyond standards of promptness.
- For FAP only, the current level of benefits or denial of expedited service.

Department of Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM) 600 (February 1, 2024), p 5.

Goods and services provided to help families achieve self-sufficiency. DSS includes Employment Support Services (ESS) and Family Support Services (FSS) that directly correlates to removing an employment-related barrier. There is no entitlement for DSS. The decision to authorize DSS is within the discretion of the MDHHS or PATH program, based on local office funding. Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 232 (October 1, 2023), p 1.

Petitioner requested assistance with the purchase of a vehicle and the Department denied her request. Since there is no entitlement to DSS assistance, Petitioner is not entitled to a hearing protesting the denial of DSS assistance. The Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) has no authority to order the Department to grant benefits where there is no entitlement to those benefits.


Petitioner testified that the Department employee handling her requests for DSS assistance is not properly handling her requests.

A complaint as to alleged misconduct or mistreatment by a state employee shall not be considered through the administrative hearing process but shall be referred to the department personnel director. Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002.

Petitioner's hearing request is therefore **DISMISSED** for lack of jurisdiction.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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.

If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

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