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Date Mailed: May 29, 2024  
MOAHR Docket No.: 24-004129  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED] [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 21, 2024, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner represented himself. The Department was represented by Lianne Scupholm.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) properly determine Petitioner's eligibility for 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 he received paychecks in the gross bi-weekly amounts of \$ [REDACTED] on March 1, 2024, and \$ [REDACTED] on March 15, 2024. Exhibit A, pp 10-11.
2. On March [REDACTED] 2024, the Department notified Petitioner that his eligibility for Medical Assistance (MA) would be limited to the Plan First category. Exhibit A, p 5.
3. On April [REDACTED] 2024, the Department received Petitioner's request for a hearing protesting the closure of his Medical Assistance (MA) benefits. Exhibit A, pp 3-4.
4. On April 17, 2024, the Department requested that Petitioner provide verification of his available assets. Exhibit A, p 8.

## **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 is married and was an ongoing recipient of MA benefits, but he is not seeking MA benefits for his wife. Petitioner provided the Department with copies of his paycheck stubs showing that he receives a gross monthly income that is 150% of the federal poverty level. Therefore, Petitioner is not eligible for HMP benefits based on his income.


Petitioner reported to the Department that he has applied for social security benefits and will become eligible for Medicare shortly. Petitioner is not currently eligible for any other category of MA benefits, but if eligible for Medicare he will be potentially eligible for disability based categories of MA. Disability based categories of MA benefits have an available asset limit while there is no asset limit for HMP benefits. On April 17, 2024, the Department requested verification of Petitioner's available assets.

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 the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) based on his earned income from employment.

**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).

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