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# DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS MICHIGAN OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES SUZANNE SONNEBORN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Date Mailed: July 12, 2024 MOAHR Docket No.: 24-005292

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 June 12, 2024, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Krista Hainey Hearing Facilitator. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-13 was received and admitted.

# <u>ISSUE</u>

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility and deductible amount?

#### 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 was receiving Healthy Michigan Plan Medicaid.
- 2. Petitioner submitted redetermination paperwork which included updated income information.
- 3. On April 17, 2024, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was sent to Petitioner informing her she is no longer eligible for MA-HMP due to excess income.
- 4. On April 29, 2024, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the determination of her MA benefit.
- 5. Petitioner earns \$2,250 per month in employment income. (Ex. 1, p. 10)

#### **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.

### **Targeted Population**

The Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) provides health care coverage for individuals who: • Are 19-64 years of age. • Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in Medicare. • Do not qualify for or are not enrolled in other Medicaid programs. • Are not pregnant at the time of application. • Meet Michigan residency requirements. • Meet Medicaid citizenship requirements. • Have income at or below 133 percent Federal Poverty Level (FPL). BEM 137

In this case, Petitioner's earned income is \$2,250. The income limit for MA-HMP is \$1,669, therefore Petitioner is over the income limit and the closure due to excess income was proper and correct and consistent with Department policy. BEM 137 This was the deductible amount determined by the Department and it was proper and correct and consistent with Department policy.

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 Petitioner's MA eligibility and deductible amount.

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.

AM/pt

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).

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:

Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules Reconsideration/Rehearing Request P.O. Box 30639 Lansing, Michigan 48909-8139

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