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MOAHR Docket No.: 24-000477  
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 February 28, 2024, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner represented himself. The Department was represented by Amber Gibson.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) properly determine Petitioner's eligibility for Medical Assistance (MA)?

### **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 September [REDACTED] 2023, the Department received Petitioner's application for Medical Assistance (MA) as a household of one. Exhibit A, p 3.
2. Petitioner reported to the Department that he is responsible for paying Medicare Part A and Part B premiums. Exhibit A, p 5.
3. Petitioner receives Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) and veteran's benefits giving him a gross monthly income of \$[REDACTED] Exhibit A, p 6.
4. On November [REDACTED] 2023, the Department notified Petitioner that he is eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) with a \$[REDACTED] monthly deductible. Exhibit A, p 14.
5. On January 4, 2024, the Department received Petitioner's request for a hearing protesting the level of Medical Assistance (MA) that he is receiving. Exhibit A, pp 9-10.

## 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 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 Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) provides health coverage for individuals that do not qualify for or are not enrolled in Medicare and have income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level. Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 137 (January 1, 2024), p 1.

Petitioner's income is less than 133% of the federal poverty level, but he is not eligible for the HMP based on his eligibility for Medicare. Petitioner's RSDI benefits amount to 110% of the federal poverty level for a household of one in 2023.

The AD-Care category of MA provides health coverage for individuals that are disabled and whose income does not exceed 100% of the federal poverty level. Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 163 (July 1, 2017), p 1.

A review of Petitioner's case reveals that the Department budgeted correct amount of income received by the Petitioner. Petitioner's "protected income level" is \$████ and this amount cannot be changed either by the Department or by this Administrative Law Judge. Department of Human Services Reference Table Manual (RFT) 240 (December 1, 2013), p 1. Department's determination that the Petitioner has a \$████ deductible per month she must meet in order to qualify for MA for any medical expenses above is therefore correct. The health care premiums that Petitioner is responsible for paying reduce that monthly deductible, but the hearing record supports a finding that the Department properly determined the level of MA benefits that Petitioner is eligible for.

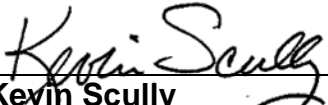
Petitioner is also eligible for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP), which will affect his MA deductible when he is no longer responsible for those monthly medical expenses. Petitioner will be reimbursed for his Medicare Part B premiums deducted from his RSDI payments in months that he was eligible for MSP benefits.

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 eligibility for Medical Assistance (MA).

**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.

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