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Date Mailed: May 2, 2024
MOAHR Docket No.: 24-001403
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 April 3, 2024, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by himself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Loren Willming. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-31 was received and admitted.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) application due to excess income.?

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 January 24, 2024, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was sent to Petitioner informing him that his MA application was denied due to excess income.
2. On ██████████ 2024, Petitioner applied for MA.
3. On February 2, 2024, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was sent to Petitioner informing him that his MA application was denied due to excess income.
4. On February 7, 2024, Petitioner requested a hearing disputing the denial of MA for household member ██████████.
5. Petitioner earns ██████████ per month in employment income. (pp. 25-26)

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 was pursuing Medical Assistance from his wife due to her disability. [REDACTED] was not receiving disability and had not applied for disability at the time of hearing. Petitioner and his wife are in the same household for the purposes of MA eligibility. Petitioner earns [REDACTED] per month in employment income. The monthly income limit for MA-HMP for a group size of two is \$2,265. BEM 137 Therefore, Petitioner is over the income limit for MA-HMP and the denial due to excess income was proper and correct and consistent with Department policy. BEM 137

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 denied Petitioner's MA-HMP application due to excess income.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

AM/cc



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:

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