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Date Mailed: June 7, 2024
MOAHR Docket No.: 24-004282
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

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 May 29, 2024, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by himself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Lara Joiner AP Supervisor. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-17 was received and admitted.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) and Medical Assistance (MA) cases for failing to verify employment 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. Petitioner was a recipient of FAP and MA.
2. On February 29, 2024, a Wage Match Notice was sent to Petitioner instructing him to provide verification of employment before April 1, 2024.
3. Petitioner failed to submit employment verification prior to April 1, 2024.
4. On April 9, 2024, Petitioner submitted information regarding his employment with [REDACTED].
5. On April 10, 2024, a Notice of Case Action was sent to Petitioner informing him that his FAP and MA cases were closing for failing to verify employment income.

6. On April 17, 2024, Petitioner requested a hearing disputing the closure of FAP and MA.

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 Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp program] is established by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, 7 USC 2011 to 2036a and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR 273. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001-.3011.

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.

Send a negative action notice when:

- The client indicates refusal to provide a verification, or
- The time period given has elapsed and the client has not made a reasonable effort to provide it. BAM 130

In this case, February 29, 2024, a Wage Match Notice was sent to Petitioner instructing him to provide verification of employment before April 1, 2024. Petitioner failed to submit employment verification prior to April 1, 2024. On April 9, 2024, Petitioner submitted information regarding his employment with [REDACTED]. On April 10, 2024, a Notice of Case Action was sent to Petitioner informing him that his FAP and MA cases were closing for failing to verify employment income. Petitioner submitted the requested information on April 9, 2024, this was after the deadline in the Wage Match Notice, therefore the closure for failing to verify income was proper and correct and consistent with Department policy. BAM 130

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 closed Petitioner's FAP and MA cases for failing to verify employment 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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