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Date Mailed: June 25, 2024  
MOAHR Docket No.: 24-004612  
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 June 5, 2024, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Rachel Meade Hearing Facilitator. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-104 was received and admitted.

### **ISSUE**

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. On February 9, 2024, a Terminate SSI Medicaid Notice was sent to Petitioner informing her that her MA would be closing April 1, 2024.
2. On March 15, 2024, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was sent to Petitioner informing her that she was not eligible for MA and her Medicare Cost Share case number was changing. (Ex. 1, pp. 6-9)
3. On March 26, 2024, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was sent to Petitioner informing her she is eligible for MA-G2S with a \$1,440 deductible. (Ex. 1, pp. 73-77)
4. On April 15, 2024, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was sent to Petitioner informing her that she was not eligible for the Medicare Savings Program.

5. On April 23, 2024, Petitioner requested a hearing disputing the determination of her MA benefit.
6. Petitioner receives \$[REDACTED] per month in social security income.
7. Petitioner was eligible for MA-G2S with a \$1,264 deductible for May 2024 and ongoing.

### **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.

#### **RULES FOR MA GROUP 2 INCOME ELIGIBILITY**

Use the following rules to determine MA Group 2 income eligibility. The individual must be given the most advantageous use of their old bills (also known as incurred expenses). The individual may request coverage for the current month, up to six future months (see eligibility based on old bills in this item), and for any prior months. 1. Use the budgeting rules in BEM 530. Determine income eligibility in calendar month order, starting with the oldest calendar month. 2. Use BEM 546 to determine the post-eligibility patient-pay amount (PPA) for each L/H month that a beneficiary is Group 2 eligible. 3. Determine Medicare Savings Program eligibility separately for Group 2 beneficiaries entitled to Medicare Part A (see BEM 165). 4. Request information about all medical expenses incurred during and prior to each month with excess income. 5. Notify the group of the outcome of each determination. NOTIFICATION explains which forms to use and when. BEM 545

In this case, with regard to the approval of MA-G2S and deductible amount calculation for the group size of 1. Petitioner's unearned income is \$[REDACTED]. After deducting the \$20 disregard and \$350 protected income level that leaves \$1,440, which is the deductible amount determined. This was the deductible amount determined by the Department in the March 26, 2024, Health Care Coverage Determination Notice 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**.

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**Aaron McClintic**  
Administrative Law Judge

