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Date Mailed: July 30, 2024  
MOAHR Docket No.: 24-006450  
Agency No.: ██████████  
Petitioner: ██████ ██████

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Ellen McLemore**

**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 July 25, 2024, via conference line. Petitioner was present and was unrepresented. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Dania Ajami, Lead Eligibility Specialist

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close Petitioner’s Medical Assistance (MA) benefit case?

**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 an ongoing MA recipient.
2. On March █ 2024, the Department sent Petitioner a redetermination/renewal form (Exhibit A, pp. 14-22).
3. On May █ 2024, the Department sent Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice informing him that his MA benefit case was closing effective June 1, 2024, ongoing for his failure to complete the renewal (Exhibit A, pp. 21-24).
4. On May 30, 2024, Petitioner submitted a request for hearing disputing the Department’s actions.

## **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.

In this case, the Department sent Petitioner a DHS 10-10 Redetermination form on March 2024. According to the document, the form was required to be completed and submitted by April 4, 2024.

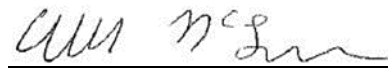
The Department must periodically redetermine or renew an individual's eligibility for active programs. BAM 210 (January 2024), p. 1. Redetermination, renewal, semi-annual and mid-certification forms are often used to redetermine eligibility of active programs. BAM 210, p. 1. For MA cases, a redetermination is an eligibility review based on a reported change and a renewal is the full review of eligibility factors completed annually. BAM 210, p. 1. The DHS-1010 redetermination form is generated and sent to the client at the time of an annual renewal. BEM 105 (January 2024), p. 3. Benefits stop at the end of the benefit period unless a renewal is completed and a new benefit period is certified. BAM 210, p. 3.

The Department testified Petitioner's electronic case file (ECF) was reviewed. The ECF consists of scanned documents, arranged by category and identified by a client name, recipient ID or case number, established for a particular client group. BAM 300 (October 2016), p. 1. The ECF contains all forms, documents and other evidence to the group's current and past eligibility. BAM 300, p. 1. The Department stated that the ECF revealed Petitioner did not return the redetermination. Petitioner conceded that he did not return the redetermination. Therefore, the Department acted in accordance with policy when it closed Petitioner's MA benefit case.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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 MA benefit case. Accordingly, the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.

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**Ellen McLemore**  
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.

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