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MARLON BROWN DIRECTOR



Date Mailed: September 26, 2024
MOAHR Docket No.: 24-008002
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 August 29, 2024, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Lianne Scupholm. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-34 was received and admitted.

## <u>ISSUE</u>

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility and enrollment date?

#### 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 2024, Petitioner applied for MA.
- 2. On May 2024, Petitioner applied for MA.
- 3. On May 2024, Petitioner was approved for MA effective May 1, 2024.
- 4. On July 2024, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the approval date for MA.
- 5. The Department agreed at hearing that Petitioner was eligible for MA with a PACE/CHAMPS enrollment date back dated to February 1, 2024.

6. Petitioner agreed that February 1, 2024, was the correct date for his eligibility and PACE/CHAMPS enrollment and was satisfied with that action.

## 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 agreed at hearing that Petitioner was eligible for MA with a PACE/CHAMPS enrollment date back dated to February 1, 2024. Petitioner agreed that this was the correct date and was satisfied with that action.

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 did not act in accordance with Department policy when it did not active Petitioner's MA eligibility and enrollment day for February 1, 2024, and ongoing.

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

- 1. Activate MA going back to February 1, 2024.
- 2. Back date Petitioner's PACE/CHAMPS enrollment to February 1, 2024.

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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).

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If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

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