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Date Mailed: November 12, 2024
MOAHR Docket No.: 24-009842
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED] [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 October 17, 2024, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Jennifer Richard Hearing Facilitator. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-56 was received and admitted.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) application for failing to verify income and assets?

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 May [REDACTED] 2024, Petitioner applied for MA
2. On May [REDACTED] 2024, a Verification Checklist was sent to Petitioner requesting verifications of income and assets. (Ex. 1, pp. 21-22)
3. On May [REDACTED] 2024, Petitioner submitted verifications which included one check stub for household member [REDACTED] a social security benefit verification letter and bank account records for a Chime bank account. (Ex. 1, p. 50)
4. On May [REDACTED] 2024, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was sent to Petitioner informing her that MA was denied for failing to return required verifications. (Ex. 1, pp. 51-55)

5. On August 26, 2024, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the denial of MA. (Ex. 1, pp. 4-5)

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.

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, a verification checklist was sent to Petitioner requesting verification of income and assets. Petitioner submitted one check stub for household member [REDACTED] that the Department found to be insufficient. In addition, Petitioner submitted verification for her Chime bank account but failed to verify several bank accounts.


Petitioner testified that she submitted more than one check stub for household member [REDACTED] through the MI Bridges portal. The Department representative testified that only one check stub was received for [REDACTED]. Petitioner testified that the bank accounts the Department is alleging were not verified were closed and she was not aware that they needed to be verified. The Department representative testified that the bank accounts were found when asset detection was run and they are required to be verified. Petitioner failed to sufficiently verify income and assets and the denial on that basis 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 denied Petitioner's MA application for failing to sufficiently verify income and assets.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

AM/dm


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.

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