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MARLON BROWN DIRECTOR



Date Mailed: November 7, 2024
MOAHR Docket No.: 24-010421
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 October 8, 2024, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Sunshine Simonson. Department Exhibit 1, p. 1-23 and Exhibit 2, p.1 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 August 2024, Petitioner applied for Medical Assistance.
- 2. On August 2024, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was sent to Petitioner informing her that she was eligible for MA-G2S with a spend down.
- 3. Petitioner receives **\$ 1000** in social security RSDI benefits per month.
- 4. Petitioner never received SSI.
- 5. On September 2024, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the determination of her MA benefit type and deductible amount.

6. On October 2, 2024, Petitioner was found to not be eligible for Disabled Adult Child Medicaid because "client never received SSI."

# 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.

#### MA Only

This is an SSI-related Group 1 MA category.

MA is available to a person receiving disabled adult children's (DAC) (also called Childhood Disability Beneficiaries' or CDBs') RSDI benefits under section 202(d) of the Social Security Act if he or she: 1. Is age 18 or older; and 2. Received SSI; and 3. Ceased to be eligible for SSI on or after July 1, 1987, because he became entitled to DAC RSDI benefits under section 202(d) of the Act or an increase in such RSDI benefits; and 4. Is currently receiving DAC RSDI benefits under section 202(d) of the Act; and Note: To receive DAC RSDI a person must have a disability or blindness that began before age 22. 5. Would be eligible for SSI without such RSDI benefits. BEM 158

## 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 determination that Petitioner does not meet the criteria to be designated a disabled adult child, Petitioner never received SSI. BEM 158 requires that a person received SSI at some point in the past to meet the criteria to be designated

a disabled adult child. The information the Department received from the social security administration showed that Petitioner never received SSI. Petitioner did not present any evidence at hearing that she received SSI in the past. Therefore, the finding that Petitioner did not meet the criteria to be considered a disabled adult child is supported by Department policy. BEM 158

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 from social security RSDI is **\$** After subtracting the \$20 unearned income disregard and deducting the \$375 protected income level that leaves **\$** mount determined by the Department and it was proper and correct and consistent with Department policy. BEM 545

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

**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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