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# **HEARING DECISION**

On 2025, Petitioner requested a hearing to dispute a Medicaid determination. As a result, a hearing was scheduled to be held on March 4, 2025. Public assistance hearings are held 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; 45 CFR 205.10; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002.

The parties appeared for the scheduled hearing. Petitioner appeared and represented herself. Respondent Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (Department) had Lead Worker Ashley Zielinski appear as its representative. Neither party had any additional witnesses.

Both parties provided sworn testimony, and two exhibits were admitted into evidence. A 14-page packet of documents provided by the Department was admitted collectively as Exhibit A, and an 8-page document provided by the Department was admitted as Exhibit B.

#### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Medicaid eligibility?

#### **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 March 6, 2024, the Department mailed a health care coverage determination notice to Petitioner to notify her that she was eligible for Medicaid with a \$1,208.00 monthly deductible.
- 2. On September 30, 2024, Petitioner provided the Department with a copy of her home help services time and task showing that she is required to pay \$1,813.77 per month for home help services.
- 3. The Department did not process Petitioner's time and task documentation and apply it toward her deductible.
- 4. On January 10, 2025, Petitioner requested a hearing because the Department did not apply her time and task toward her deductible for December 2024.
- 5. On February 18, 2025, the Department processed Petitioner's time and task documentation and applied it toward her deductible for December 2024. The Department mailed a health care coverage determination notice to Petitioner to notify her that she was eligible for Medicaid, effective December 1, 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).

Medicaid is known as Medical Assistance (MA). The 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 administers the MA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10, and MCL 400.105-.112k.

In this case, Petitioner requested a hearing to dispute her Medicaid coverage because the Department did not process her time and task documentation and apply it toward her deductible for December 2024. On February 18, 2025, the Department processed Petitioner's time and task documentation and applied it toward her deductible for December 2024. The Department mailed a health care coverage determination notice to Petitioner to notify her that she was eligible for Medicaid, effective December 1, 2024, and ongoing. Thus, the issue that Petitioner requested a hearing to dispute has been resolved in Petitioner's favor, and there is no additional relief available to Petitioner on this issue. Therefore, the Department has properly determined Petitioner's Medicaid eligibility. Accordingly, the Department's decision is affirmed.

## **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 its policies and the applicable law when it determined Petitioner's Medicaid eligibility.

IT IS ORDERED: the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.

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JEFFREY KEMM ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

**APPEAL RIGHTS:** Petitioner may appeal this Hearing Decision to the circuit court. Rules for appeals to the circuit court can be found in the Michigan Court Rules (MCR), including MCR 7.101 to MCR 7.123, available at the Michigan Courts website at courts.michigan.gov. The Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) cannot provide legal advice, but assistance may be available through the State Michigan at https://lrs.michbar.org or Michigan Bar of Legal Help at https://michiganlegalhelp.org. A copy of the circuit court appeal should be sent to MOAHR. A circuit court appeal may result in a reversal of the Hearing Decision.

Either party who disagrees with this Hearing Decision may also send a written request for a rehearing and/or reconsideration to MOAHR within 30 days of the mailing date of this Hearing Decision. Requests MOAHR receives more than 30 days from the mailing date of this Hearing Decision may be considered untimely and dismissed. The request should include Petitioner's name, the docket number from page 1 of this Hearing Decision, an explanation of the specific reasons for the request, and any documents supporting the request. The request should be sent to MOAHR

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