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Date Mailed: August 21, 2024
MOAHR Docket No.: 24-007864
Agency No. [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Corey Arendt

DECISION AND ORDER

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; and 42 CFR 438.400 to 438.424, upon the Petitioner's request for a hearing.

After due notice, a hearing was held on August 15, 2024. Petitioner appeared on his own behalf. [REDACTED] Petitioner's Provider, appeared as a witness for Petitioner. Lana Karadsheh, Appeals Review Officer, appeared on behalf of Respondent, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (Department). Kirsten Robinson, Adult Services Worker (ASW), appeared as a witness for the Department.

Exhibits:

Petitioner	None
Department	A – Hearing Summary

ISSUE

Did the Department properly terminate Petitioner's Home Help Services (HHS) case?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. On or around June 1, 2023, Petitioner was approved for HHS. (Exhibit A.)
2. From approximately January 2024, through June 2024, Petitioner was without a provider. (Exhibit A; Testimony.)

3. On June 6, 2024, the Department sent Petitioner a Home Visit letter. The letter indicated a visit would take place on June 26, 2024, between 8:15 am and 12:15 pm. (Exhibit A; Testimony.)
4. On June 26, 2024, the ASW appeared at Petitioner's home for the assessment, but Petitioner was unavailable; and the assessment could not be completed as scheduled. (Exhibit A; Testimony.)
5. On June 28, 2024, the Department sent Petitioner an Advance Negative Action notice. The notice indicated Petitioner's HHS case was being terminated effective July 12, 2024, as a result of Petitioner not being available for a scheduled home visit and his case being inactive for 6 months. (Exhibit A; Testimony.)
6. On July 12, 2024, the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules received from Petitioner, a request for hearing. (Exhibit A.)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance Program is established pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). It is administered in accordance with state statute, the Social Welfare Act, the Administrative Code, and the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program.

Home Help Services (HHS) are provided to enable functionally limited individuals to live independently and receive care in the least restrictive, preferred settings. These activities must be certified by a physician and may be provided by individuals or by private or public agencies.

The Adult Services Manual (ASM) address issues of what services are included in Home Help Services and how such services are assessed:

ASM 101 AVAILABLE SERVICES

Payment Services Home Help

Home help services are non-specialized personal care service activities provided under the home help services program to persons who meet eligibility requirements.

Home help services are provided to enable individuals with functional limitation(s), resulting from a medical or physical disability or cognitive impairment to live independently and receive care in the least restrictive, preferred settings.

Home help services are defined as those tasks which the department is paying for through Title XIX (Medicaid) funds. These services are furnished to individuals who are **not** currently residing in a hospital, nursing facility, licensed foster care home/home for the aged, intermediate care facility (ICF) for persons with developmental disabilities or institution for mental illness.

These activities **must** be certified by a Medicaid enrolled medical professional and may be provided by individuals or by private or public agencies. **The medical professional does not prescribe or authorize personal care services.** Needed services are determined by the comprehensive assessment conducted by the adult services worker.¹

ASM 105 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

GENERAL

Requirements

Home help eligibility requirements include **all** of the following:

- Medicaid eligibility.
- Appropriate program enrollment type (PET) code.
- Certification of medical need.
- Need for service, based on a complete comprehensive assessment indicating a functional limitation of level 3 or greater for at least one activity of daily living (ADL).

Need for Service

The adult services worker (ASW) is responsible for determining the necessity and level of need for Home Help services based on all of the following:

¹ ASM 101, April 1, 2018, pp 1-2, 5.

- Client choice.
- A completed MDHHS-5534, Adult Services Comprehensive Assessment. An individual must be assessed with at least one activity of daily living (ADL) at a level of 3 or greater to be eligible to receive Home Help services.²

ASM 115 ADULT SERVICES REQUIREMENTS

MDHHS-5534, ADULT SERVICES COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

Conduct a face-to-face interview with the client in their home to assess the personal care needs. Complete the MDHHS-5534, Adult Services Comprehensive Assessment, which is generated from MiAIMS; see ASM 120, Adult Services Comprehensive Assessment.

CONTACTS

The ASW must, at a minimum, have a face-to-face interview with the client, prior to case opening, and then every six months in the client's home for the review.³

ASM 120 ADULT SERVICES COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW

The MDHHS-5534, Adult Services Comprehensive Assessment, is the primary tool for determining a client's need for services. The comprehensive assessment must be completed on all open Home Help services cases. The Michigan Adult Integrated Management System (MiAIMS)

² ASM 105 June 1, 2020, pp 1, 3.

³ ASM 115, Adult Services Requirements, May 1, 2023, pp 4-5.

provides the format for the comprehensive assessment and all information must be entered in the computer program.⁴

The ASW testified that an assessment was not completed as required by policy; and, further, that the case had been inactive for a period of 6 months resulting in the termination letter.

Petitioner testified that his worker had not been paid due to an agency issue, but that he was in need of services.

The Petitioner, however, did not rebut the fact the case had been inactive for a period of at least 6 months, nor did he rebut the fact Petitioner did not participate in the assessment as required.

Consequently, based on the evidence presented, Petitioner has failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the Department erred in terminating Petitioner's HHS case. Petitioner, however, is free to reapply for HHS at any time.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the Department properly terminated Petitioner's HHS case based on the information made available at the time of the decision.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that:

The Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.

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Administrative Law Judge

⁴ ASM 120, Adult Services Comprehensive Assessment, May 1, 2023, pp 1-3.

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:

Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
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