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Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

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## 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; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a hearing was held via telephone conference on February 13, 2025. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Remy Williams, Eligibility Specialist.

## ISSUE

Did MDHHS properly determine Petitioner's Medical Assistance/Medicaid coverage and calculate Petitioner's spenddown 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. Petitioner was an ongoing MA recipient.
2. Petitioner is an ongoing recipient of Medicare.
3. On May 6, 2024, MDHHS received a redetermination of MA benefits from Petitioner. Petitioner is group size of one and is disabled.

4. Effective January 1, 2025, Petitioner receives \$ [REDACTED] in monthly Retirement, Survivors, Disability Insurance (RSDI).
5. MDHHS determined that Petitioner was eligible for Group 2 SSI-related (G2S) MA coverage with a deductible amount of \$ [REDACTED], effective January 1, 2025 (Exhibit A, pp. 32-35).
6. On December 30, 2024, MDHHS received Petitioner's hearing request disputing the change in his MA coverage (Exhibit A, pp. 3-5).

### **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.

Effective January 1, 2025, Petitioner's monthly RSDI income increased to \$ [REDACTED]. MDHHS then determined that Petitioner was eligible for G2S MA coverage with a deductible amount of \$ [REDACTED], effective January 1, 2025. Petitioner disputes the change to his MA coverage.

MA is available (i) under SSI-related categories to individuals who are aged (65 or older), blind or disabled, (ii) to individuals who are under age 19, parents or caretakers of children, or pregnant or recently pregnant women, and (iii) to individuals who meet the eligibility criteria for Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) coverage. 42 CFR 435.911; 42 CFR 435.100 to 435.172; BEM 105 (January 2021), p. 1; BEM 137 (June 2020), p. 1. If an individual is unable to receive MA under an SSI-related category, because no individual is aged (65 or older), blind, disabled, or entitled to Medicare or formerly blind or disabled, then MDHHS must review the household's eligibility based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methodology for MA coverage under the MAGI categories: children under 19, parents or caretakers of children, pregnant or recently pregnant women, former foster children, MOMS, MiChild, Flint Water Group and HMP. Under federal law, an individual eligible under more than one MA category must have eligibility determined for the category selected and is entitled to the most beneficial

coverage available, which is the one that results in eligibility and the least amount of excess income or the lowest cost share. BEM 105, p. 2; 42 CFR 435.404.

As a disabled and/or aged individual, Petitioner is potentially eligible to receive MA benefits through AD-Care. AD-Care is an SSI-related full-coverage MA program. BEM 163 (July 2017), p. 1. Petitioner receives \$ [REDACTED] per month in RSDI benefits. Petitioner has no other household income. As Petitioner is not married, per policy, Petitioner's fiscal group size for SSI-related MA benefits is one. BEM 211 (July 2019), p. 8. MDHHS gives AD-Care budget credits for employment income, and guardianship and/or conservator expenses. Petitioner did not submit that any such factors were applicable. Income eligibility for AD-Care exists when countable income does not exceed the income limit for the program. BEM 163, p. 2. The income limit for AD-Care for a one-person MA group is \$1,275.00 RFT 242 (April 2024), p. 1. Because Petitioner's monthly household income exceeds \$1,275.00, MDHHS properly determined Petitioner to be ineligible for MA benefits under AD-Care.

Petitioner may still receive MA benefits subject to a monthly deductible through a Group 2 Medicaid category. Petitioner is not the caretaker of any minor children, and therefore, does not qualify for MA through the Group 2-Caretaker MA program. Petitioner may still receive MA benefits subject to a monthly deductible through the G2S program. G2S is an SSI-related MA category. BEM 166 (April 2017), p.1. As discussed, Petitioner's SSI-related MA group size is one. Petitioner's net income is \$ [REDACTED] (gross income reduced by a \$20 disregard). BEM 541 (January 2023), p. 3. The deductible is in the amount that the client's net income (less any allowable needs deductions) exceeds the applicable Group 2 MA protected income levels (PIL); the PIL is based on the client's MA fiscal group size and the county in which he resides. BEM 105, p. 1; BEM 166, pp. 1-2; BEM 544 (January 2020), p. 1; RFT 240 (December 2013), p. 1; RFT 200 (April 2017), p. 2. The monthly PIL for Petitioner, with an MA fiscal group size of one living in Wayne County, is \$375 per month. RFT 200, p. 3; RFT 240, p 1. Thus, if Petitioner's monthly net income (less allowable needs deductions) is in excess of \$375, then he is eligible for MA assistance under the deductible program, with the deductible equal to the amount that his monthly net income, less allowable deductions, exceeds \$375.00. BEM 545 (July 2022), pp. 2-3.

In determining the monthly deductible, net income is reduced by health insurance premiums paid by the MA group, ongoing medical expenses, guardianship or conservatorship expenses, and remedial service allowances for individuals in adult foster care or homes for the aged. BEM 544, pp. 1-3; BEM 545, pp. 1-8. MDHHS presented a budget detailing the calculation of Petitioner's deductible amount (see Exhibit A, p. 31). In this case, there was no evidence that Petitioner resides in an adult foster care home or home for the aged or paid for guardianship or conservatorship expenses. Therefore, MDHHS properly excluded these allowances. Petitioner is no longer eligible for his Medicare insurance premium to be paid for through the Medicare Cost Share Program and he must pay for the insurance premium out of pocket. Therefore, MDHHS properly calculated Petitioner's insurance premium to be \$185.00.

Petitioner does not have ongoing medical expenses for consideration for deductible calculation purposes. Petitioner's net income of \$ [REDACTED] (\$ [REDACTED] in income - \$20 disregard - \$185.00 insurance premium - \$64 Cost of Living Adjustment) reduced by the \$375.00 PIL is \$ [REDACTED]. Therefore, the Department properly determined that Petitioner is eligible for MA benefits under the G2S program subject to a monthly deductible of \$ [REDACTED].

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 coverage and calculated his deductible or spenddown amount.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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



**DANIELLE NUCCIO  
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 Bar of Michigan at <https://lrs.michbar.org> or Michigan 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.

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