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Docket No.: 25-004053

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 25, 2025. Petitioner was represented by [REDACTED]. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Amber Gibson, Hearing Facilitator. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-11 was received and admitted. Petitioner's Exhibit A, pp. 1-11 was received and admitted.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly process Petitioner's asset verifications?

### **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 December 20, 2024, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was sent to Petitioner informing her that she was not eligible for the Medicare Savings Program.
2. On January 8, 2025, Petitioner requested a hearing questioning the notice she received on December 20, 2024.

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3. On January 29, 2025, a Verification Checklist was sent to Petitioner requesting verification of assets.
  4. On February 6, 2025, Petitioner submitted asset verifications for her [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] accounts by dropping off the documents at the drop box at the local office on [REDACTED]. These documents were also submitted to MOAHR on February 11, 2025.
  5. The asset verifications were not processed by the Department.
  6. The Department representative testified at the hearing that the Petitioner was active for the Medicare Savings Program.

### **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.

#### **Medicaid**

Allow the client 10 calendar days (or other time limit specified in policy) to provide the verification requested. Refer to policy in this item for citizenship verifications. If the client cannot provide the verification despite a reasonable effort, extend the time limit up to two times. At renewal if an individual is required to return a pre-populated renewal form, allow 30 calendar days for the form to be returned. At application, renewal, ex parte review, or other change, explain to the client/authorized representative the availability of your assistance in obtaining needed information. Extension may be granted when the following exists:

- The customer/authorized representative need to make the request. An extension should not automatically be given.
- The need for the extension and the reasonable efforts taken to obtain the verifications are documented.
- Every effort by the department was made to assist the client in obtaining verifications. Verifications are considered to be timely if received by the date they are due. For electronically transmitted verifications (fax, email or MI Bridges document upload), the

date of the transmission is the receipt date. Verifications that are submitted after the close of regular business hours through the drop box or by delivery of a MDHHS representative are considered to be received the next business day. BAM 130

In this case, the Department agreed at the hearing to process the asset verifications Petitioner submitted to the local office on February 6, 2025, for her [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] accounts. The Department representative testified at the hearing that Petitioner is eligible and active for the Medicare Savings Program and MA.

### **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 did not act in accordance with Department policy when it failed to process Petitioner's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] accounts.

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

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Process the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] asset verifications submitted by Petitioner on February 6, 2025.
2. Make a determination regarding Petitioner's MA eligibility and issue a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice informing her about her eligibility.



**AARON MCCLINTIC**  
**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](https://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.

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. 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

- by email to [MOAHR-BSD-Support@michigan.gov](mailto:MOAHR-BSD-Support@michigan.gov), **OR**
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