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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 May 22, 2025. Petitioner appeared for the hearing and represented himself. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Karen Smalls, Assistance Payments Supervisor.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly process Petitioner's application for Medical Assistance (MA) benefits?

### **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 or around [REDACTED] 2025, Petitioner submitted an application for MA benefits with a request for retroactive MA coverage to January 2025. Petitioner requested MA benefits for his wife and their eight children.
2. The Department sent Petitioner various eligibility notices advising of both approvals and denials of MA coverage for some of Petitioner's family members. (Exhibit 1)
3. On or around April 17, 2025, Petitioner requested a hearing disputing the Department's actions with respect to the MA application. (Exhibit A, p. 3-7)

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## 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.

In this case, Petitioner disputed the Department's actions with respect to an application for MA benefits submitted on [REDACTED] 2025, which requested retroactive MA coverage to January 2025. Petitioner argued that despite being income eligible for MA benefits from January 2025, ongoing, he received several eligibility notices advising that some children were approved for full coverage MA benefits in February 2025, some children were approved for full coverage MA benefits in March 2025, and that in May 2025, approvals for limited coverage Plan First were noted, but no coverage for April 2025. (Exhibit 1).

At the hearing, the Department representative testified that in initially processing the application, it relied upon incorrect income information as Petitioner and his wife had income from an LLC that was improperly entered into the system as self-employment income. The Department representative testified that upon discovering the error, it requested updated income information from Petitioner. It was unclear based on the Department's conflicting testimony at the hearing whether the Department had fully reprocessed the application and issued an updated eligibility determination as of the hearing date, however. The Department initially testified that upon review of the eligibility summary, Petitioner's wife and all eight children were approved for full coverage MA from January 2025, ongoing. But upon further inquiry, the Department later indicated that no coverage was on file. Although the Department representative made a statement that income information for Petitioner's wife was not received, the Department failed to present any eligibility notices or eligibility summary showing the months in which Petitioner's wife and children were either approved or denied MA and the reasons for denial. Upon review, the Department failed to show that it properly processed the [REDACTED] 2025, MA application.

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**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 failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it processed Petitioner's MA application.

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. Register and reprocess Petitioner's [REDACTED] 2025, MA application and request for retroactive MA coverage to January 2025 to determine Petitioner's wife and eight children's MA eligibility under the most beneficial category;
2. Provide Petitioner's wife and eight children with MA coverage under the most beneficial category, that they were entitled to receive but did not from January 1, 2025, ongoing; and
3. Notify Petitioner in writing of its decision.

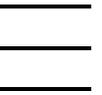
  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

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