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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 July 2, 2025. Petitioner did not appear and was represented by Authorized Hearing Representative [REDACTED] and Authorized Representative [REDACTED]. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Lori Turner, Eligibility Specialist.

ISSUE

Did MDHHS properly close Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) case for failure to return the redetermination of benefits form?

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 February 4, 2025, MDHHS issued a redetermination of MA benefits form to Petitioner. The completed redetermination was due back to MDHHS by March 6, 2025 (Exhibit A, pp. 12-20).
2. MDHHS did not receive a completed redetermination of MA benefits from Petitioner.
3. On April 8, 2025, MDHHS issued a Healthcare Coverage Determination Notice to Petitioner, informing him that his MA case had closed due to failure to return the redetermination of benefits form, effective May 1, 2025 (Exhibit A, pp. 6-9).
4. On May 14, 2025, AHR submitted a hearing request to dispute the closure of his MA case (Exhibit A, pp. 3-9).

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).

MDHHS must periodically redetermine or renew an individual's eligibility for active programs. The redetermination process includes thorough review of all eligibility factors. BAM 210 (February 2025), p. 1. Benefits stop at the end of the benefit period unless a renewal is completed, and a new benefit period is certified. BAM 210, p. 4.

In this case, MDHHS testified that Petitioner failed to submit the redetermination of MA benefits and therefore his case closed. AHR explained that due to a transition between guardians for Petitioner, the form was not received or completed. Given that law and policy expressly state that MDHHS must redetermine ongoing eligibility for MA, and that Petitioner did not submit the required redetermination forms, MDHHS acted in accordance with policy in closing Petitioner's MA case. During the hearing, AHR was encouraged to reapply for MA at any time.

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 Department policy when it closed Petitioner's MA case for failure to return the redetermination of benefits forms.

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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