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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 appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Karen Smalls, Assistance Payments Supervisor.

ISSUE

Did MDHHS properly close Petitioner's Medical Assistance/Medicaid (MA) case?

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.
1. On May 13, 2025, Petitioner submitted a redetermination of Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits to MDHHS. Petitioner's household consists of her minor child, [REDACTED] (Son), and herself. Petitioner reported that she worked for HD [REDACTED] (Employer) but as of May 9, 2025, was receiving unemployment compensation benefits (UCB) and no longer employed (Exhibit A, pp. 7-9).
2. On May 19, 2025, MDHHS issued a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice notifying Petitioner that her MA case was closed, effective June 1, 2025 (Exhibit A, pp. 12-14).

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3. On May 30, 2025, MDHHS received Petitioner's hearing request disputing the change in her MA coverage (Exhibit A, pp. 3-6).
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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 her request for a hearing, Petitioner also stated that she disputes MDHHS' actions regarding her Food Assistance Program (FAP) case. Petitioner testified that she has no issue regarding her FAP case and wished to withdraw that hearing request. Therefore, the FAP hearing request will be dismissed.

On May 13, 2025, Petitioner submitted a renewal of FAP benefits, providing MDHHS updated income information. MDHHS then used this income information to review Petitioner's ongoing MA eligibility. MDHHS is required to evaluate each change reported and determine if it affects eligibility. BAM 220 (November 2023), p. 1. When MDHHS updated Petitioner's MA case, they determined that she was over the income limit for ongoing full coverage eligibility.

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

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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 the parent of a minor child, Petitioner may be eligible for MA under the Parent/Caretaker/Relative (PCR) program under the Low-Income Family (LIF) category or, if she has excess income, under the Group 2 Caretaker (G2C) program. BEM 105, p. 1; BEM 110 (April 2018); BEM 135 (October 2015), p. 1. However, MDHHS conceded that Petitioner was not evaluated as a caretaker in error, as Petitioner has a minor child and reported such to MDHHS. Therefore, MDHHS did not act in accordance with policy in closing Petitioner's MA case.

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 MDHHS did not act in accordance with Department policy when it closed Petitioner's MA case.

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. Reprocess Petitioner's MA case to determine the most beneficial category of coverage in accordance with policy and consistent with this hearing decision;
2. If Petitioner is eligible for MA benefits, provide coverage to Petitioner for any MA that she was eligible to receive but did not from June 1, 2025, ongoing;
3. Notify Petitioner of its decision in writing.

Petitioner's hearing request for FAP is **DISMISSED**.



DANIELLE NUCCIO
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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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.

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

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