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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 August 6, 2025. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Jacob Frankmann, Assistance Payments Supervisor.

### **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 March 4, 2025, MDHHS issued a redetermination of MA benefits form to Petitioner. The completed redetermination was due back to MDHHS by April 4, 2025 (Exhibit A, pp. 13-21).
2. MDHHS did not receive a completed redetermination of MA benefits form from Petitioner.
3. From February 15, 2025 through May 10, 2025, Petitioner was not in the United States and did not receive her mail or correspondence.
4. On May 16, 2025, MDHHS issued a Healthcare Coverage Determination Notice to Petitioner, informing her that her MA case had closed due to failure to return the redetermination of benefits form, effective June 1, 2025 (Exhibit A, pp. 25-28).
5. On June 23, 2025, Petitioner submitted a hearing request to dispute the closure of her MA case (Exhibit A, pp. 3-5).

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## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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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.

Petitioner disputes the closure of her MA case for failure to return the MA redetermination form. 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. Here, on March 4, 2025, MDHHS issued a redetermination of MA benefits form to Petitioner. The completed redetermination was due back to MDHHS by April 4, 2025. From February 15, 2025 through May 10, 2025, Petitioner was not in the United States, tending to an emergency family matter. Petitioner did not notify MDHHS that she would be out of the country and unable to be contacted. Petitioner did not receive mail or correspondence during this time. Since MDHHS did not receive a completed redetermination of MA benefits form from Petitioner they could not determine her ongoing eligibility for MA. Given that law and policy expressly state that MDHHS must redetermine ongoing eligibility for MA, and Petitioner did not submit the required redetermination forms, MDHHS acted in accordance with policy in closing Petitioner's MA case. During the hearing, Petitioner 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**.



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**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](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.

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