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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 7, 2025. Household member [REDACTED] [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of Petitioner. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Cindy Wasaya, AP Supervisor. Tammy Gada also appeared and testified for the Department. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-24 was received and admitted.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's Child Development and Care (CDC) application for lack of need reason?

### **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 May [REDACTED] 2025, Petitioner applied for CDC benefit.
2. On June [REDACTED] 2025, a Notice of Case Action was sent to Petitioner informing her that she was approved for CDC from May [REDACTED] 2025, and denied for CDC May [REDACTED] 2025 and ongoing.
3. On June [REDACTED] 2025, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the denial of CDC.
4. Petitioner is in graduate school pursuing a dental degree.
5. Household member [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is taking a full-time intensive English language 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

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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).

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The Child Development and Care (CDC) program is established by Titles IVA, IVE and XX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 601-619, 670-679c, and 1397-1397m-5; the Child Care and Development Block Grant of 1990, PL 101-508, 42 USC 9858 to 9858q; and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, PL 104-193. The program is implemented by 45 CFR 98.1-99.33. The Department administers the program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and provides services to adults and children pursuant to MCL 400.14(1) and Mich Admin Code, R 400.5001-.5020.

### **Approved Activity**

Child care may be approved under this need reason when a P/SP needs child care to participate in one of the following: • Employment preparation and/or training activity. Employment preparation and training programs are presumed to be occupationally relevant. If questionable, email the CDC office at [Policy-CDC@Michigan.gov](mailto:Policy-CDC@Michigan.gov). • Post-secondary education. Online educational programs can be approved. Child care benefits for this need reason cannot be approved for graduate, medical, or law school. Educational programs are presumed to be occupationally relevant. If questionable, email the CDC office at [PolicyCDC@Michigan.gov](mailto:PolicyCDC@Michigan.gov). BEM 703

In this case, Petitioner is pursuing a graduate dental degree. Attendance of classes for a graduate degree is not a valid need reason for CDC according to BEM 703. Therefore, the denial of CDC for lack of need reason was proper and correct and consistent with Department policy.

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## **DECISION AND ORDER**

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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 denied Petitioner's CDC application due to lack of need reason.

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



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**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.

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