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### **DECISION AND ORDER**

On July 17, 2025, Petitioner [REDACTED] requested a hearing to dispute a Home Help Services (HHS) determination. As a result, a hearing was scheduled to be held on August 28, 2025. Medicaid services hearings are held pursuant to MCL 400.9 and 400.37; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; 42 CFR 438.400 to 438.424; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002.

The parties appeared for the scheduled hearing. Petitioner's authorized hearing representative, [REDACTED] appeared for Petitioner. Respondent Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (Department) had Appeals Review Officer Allison Pool appear as its representative. Respondent had one witness, Adult Services Worker Kristy Schrank. There were no other participants.

Both parties provided sworn testimony, and one exhibit was admitted into evidence. A 44-page packet of documents provided by the Department was admitted into evidence as Exhibit A.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly terminate Petitioner's Home Help Services (HHS)?

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. Petitioner was an HHS recipient.
2. On May 27, 2025, an adult services worker visited Petitioner in her home to complete an assessment. Petitioner was present with her son, [REDACTED], and her granddaughter, [REDACTED]. The adult services worker observed Petitioner and asked about her need for assistance. Petitioner was emotional and had a difficult time cooperating and providing information. Petitioner does not use any adaptive equipment, and the adult services worker observed Petitioner ambulate and transfer independently multiple times. Petitioner reported that she was able to bathe, groom, ambulate, toilet, and transfer independently. Based on the information the adult services worker gathered during the assessment, the adult

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services worker determined that Petitioner did not need hands-on assistance with any activities of daily living or any complex care services.

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3. On June 4, 2025, the Department mailed a negative action notice to Petitioner to notify Petitioner that her HHS was going to be terminated, effective June 18, 2025, because she no longer needed hands-on assistance with any activities of daily living.
4. Petitioner requested a hearing to dispute the Department's decision.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Medical Assistance Program (MA) is established pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). It is administered in accordance with state statute, the Administrative Code, and the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program.

Home Help Services (HHS) are provided to enable functionally limited individuals to live independently and receive care in the least restrictive, preferred settings. These activities must be certified by a health professional and may be provided by individuals or by private or public agencies.

In order to be eligible for HHS, an individual must have a need for services based on a comprehensive assessment indicating a need for hands-on assistance with at least one activity of daily living (ADL) or a need for complex care. ASM 120 (May 1, 2023), p. 3. Those activities known as ADL's are eating, toileting, bathing, grooming, dressing, transferring, and mobility. *Id.* at 2-3. Complex care includes care such as catheters, bowel programs, specialized skin care, suctioning, range of motion exercises, wound care, respiratory treatments, ventilators, and injections. *Id.* at 4-5.

The comprehensive assessment is the Department's primary tool for determining a client's need for services. *Id.* at 1. Although a medical professional may certify a client's need for services, it is the Department who determines whether there is a need for services through its comprehensive assessment. ASM 115 (May 1, 2023), p. 2. During the assessment, the Department documents a client's abilities and needs in order to determine the client's ability to perform activities. ASM 120 at 2.

The comprehensive assessment must be periodically updated. It must be updated as often as necessary, but minimally at the six-month review. *Id.* at 1. In this case, the Department completed a periodic review of Petitioner's comprehensive assessment, and the Department terminated Petitioner's HHS as a result. Petitioner is disputing the Department's decision to terminate her HHS.

The Department met with Petitioner in her home to complete a periodic review of Petitioner's comprehensive assessment. The Department observed Petitioner, and the

Department asked about Petitioner's need for assistance. Petitioner does not use any adaptive equipment, and the Department observed Petitioner ambulate and transfer independently multiple times. Petitioner reported that she was able to bathe, groom, ambulate, toilet, and transfer independently. Based on the information the Department gathered, the Department determined that Petitioner no longer had a need for hands-on assistance with at least one ADL or a need for complex care.

The Department updated Petitioner's comprehensive assessment in accordance with ASM 120, and the Department terminated Petitioner's HHS in accordance with ASM 170. Petitioner did not present sufficient evidence to establish that the Department's decision should be reversed. Therefore, the Department's decision to terminate Petitioner's HHS is affirmed.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Department properly terminated Petitioner's HHS.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.



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**JEFFREY KEMM**  
**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://sbar.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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