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## **DECISION AND ORDER**

On August 28, 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 October 1, 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 and represented Petitioner. Respondent Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (Department) had Appeals Review Officer Emily Piggott appear as its representative. Respondent had one witness, Adult Services Specialist Tamika Childs. There were no other participants.

Both parties provided sworn testimony, and one exhibit was admitted into evidence. A 37-page packet of documents provided by the Department was admitted into evidence as Exhibit A.

## **ISSUE**

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

## **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 approved for 71 hours and 48 minutes of HHS per month.
2. The 71 hours and 48 minutes of HHS that Petitioner was approved for consisted of the following time and task:
  - a. Bathing: 16 minutes each day at 7 days per week for a total of 8 hours and 2 minutes per month.
  - b. Dressing: 14 minutes each day at 7 days per week for a total of 7 hours and 1 minute per month.

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- c. Grooming: 8 minutes each day at 7 days per week for a total of 4 hours and 1 minute per month.
  - d. Mobility: 14 minutes each day at 7 days per week for a total of 7 hours and 1 minute per month.
  - e. Housework: 12 minutes each day at 7 days per week for a total of 6 hours and 1 minute per month.
  - f. Laundry: 1 hour and 38 minutes each day at 1 day per week for a total of 7 hours and 1 minute per month.
  - g. Meal preparation: 50 minutes each day at 7 days per week for a total of 25 hours and 5 minutes per month.
  - h. Shopping for food/medications: 1 hour and 10 minutes each day at 1 day per week for a total of 5 hours and 1 minute per month.
  - i. Travel for shopping: 36 minutes each day at 1 day per week for a total of 2 hours and 35 minutes per month.
3. On June 6, 2025, an adult services worker met with Petitioner in her home to complete a comprehensive assessment. Petitioner and her daughter, [REDACTED] were present. The adult services worker observed Petitioner and asked her about her need for assistance. Petitioner's daughter reported that she was living with Petitioner. The adult services worker informed Petitioner and her daughter that Petitioner's case would have to be changed to a shared household. Petitioner's daughter then got upset and told the adult services worker that she did not live with Petitioner.
  4. The adult services worker determined that Petitioner was living in a shared living arrangement with her adult daughter, so the adult services worker determined that Petitioner's instrumental activities of daily living had to be prorated by one half.
  5. The adult services worker determined that Petitioner should be approved for 50 hours and 14 minutes of HHS per month.
  6. The 50 hours and 14 minutes of HHS that the adult services worker determined Petitioner should be approved for consisted of the following time and task:
    - a. Bathing: 16 minutes each day at 7 days per week for a total of 8 hours and 2 minutes per month.
    - b. Dressing: 14 minutes each day at 7 days per week for a total of 7 hours and 1 minute per month.

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- c. Grooming: 8 minutes each day at 7 days per week for a total of 4 hours and 1 minute per month.
  - d. Mobility: 14 minutes each day at 7 days per week for a total of 7 hours and 1 minute per month.
  - e. Housework: 6 minutes each day at 7 days per week for a total of 3 hours and 1 minute per month.
  - f. Laundry: 49 minutes each day at 1 day per week for a total of 3 hours and 31 minutes per month.
  - g. Meal preparation: 25 minutes each day at 7 days per week for a total of 12 hours and 32 minutes per month.
  - h. Shopping for food/medications: 35 minutes each day at 1 day per week for a total of 2 hours and 30 minutes per month.
  - i. Travel for shopping: 36 minutes each day at 1 day per week for a total of 2 hours and 35 minutes per month.
7. On June 9, 2025, the Department mailed a negative action notice to Petitioner to notify her that she was approved to receive 50 hours and 14 minutes of HHS per month, effective June 23, 2025.
  8. On June 18, 2025, the adult services worker spoke with Petitioner's HHS provider, and Petitioner's HHS provider reported that Petitioner's daughter was living with Petitioner.
  9. The adult services worker reviewed Petitioner's daughter's public assistance case, and the adult services worker discovered that Petitioner's daughter reported her home address was the same as Petitioner's home address.
  10. 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

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activities must be certified by a health professional and may be provided by individuals or by private or public agencies.

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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 ADLs 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 determined that Petitioner's HHS hours should be reduced. Petitioner is disputing the Department's decision to reduce her HHS hours.

The Department met with Petitioner in her home to complete a periodic review of Petitioner's comprehensive assessment. During the home visit, Petitioner's daughter informed the Department that she was living with Petitioner. Based on this information, the Department determined that Petitioner was living in a shared living arrangement with her adult daughter.

HHS hours cannot be approved for services provided for the benefit of others. ASM 101 (April 1, 2018), pp. 4-5. When an HHS client lives in a shared living arrangement where other adults reside in the home, the Department must prorate the client's time for all instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs) by one half, except for medications. ASM 120 at 6-7. Those activities known as IADLs are housework, laundry, medications, meal preparation, and shopping for food/medications. *Id.* at 3.

Since the Department determined that Petitioner was living in a shared living arrangement with her adult daughter, the Department properly determined that Petitioner's IADLs (except medications) should be prorated by one half. Accordingly, the Department prorated Petitioner's housework, laundry, meal preparation, and shopping for food/medications by one half. The Department acted in accordance with ASM 120.

Petitioner did not present sufficient evidence to establish that the Department's decision should be reversed. Therefore, the Department's decision to approve Petitioner for 50 hours and 14 minutes of HHS per month is affirmed. If Petitioner's needs have changed, then Petitioner may notify the Department and request an updated comprehensive assessment. If Petitioner's living arrangement has changed, then Petitioner may notify the Department and request an updated comprehensive assessment.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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

**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](http://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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