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HEARING DECISION

On August 28, 2025, Petitioner [REDACTED] [REDACTED] requested a hearing to dispute public assistance benefits. As a result, a hearing was scheduled to be held on September 30, 2025. Public assistance hearings are held pursuant to MCL 400.9 and 400.37; 7 CFR 273.15 to 273.18; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; 42 CFR 438.400 to 438.424; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; 45 CFR 205.10; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002.

The parties appeared for the scheduled hearing. Petitioner appeared and represented herself. Respondent Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (Department) had Assistance Payments Supervisor Carrie Taylor and Eligibility Specialist Tanya Henderson appear as its representatives. There were no other participants.

Both parties provided sworn testimony, and one exhibit was admitted into evidence. A 26-page packet of documents provided by the Department was admitted into evidence collectively as Exhibit A.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Petitioner's Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits and Medicaid?

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 April [REDACTED] 2025, the Department received a new hire data match that indicated Petitioner had unreported employment at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
2. On June [REDACTED] 2025, the Department mailed two wage match client notices to Petitioner. One was for Petitioner's employment at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and one was for Petitioner's employment at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Both wage match client notices instructed Petitioner to return the completed forms to the Department by July 21, 2025. Both wage match client notices stated, "failure to provide this information by the due date may result in denial or cancellation of your public assistance benefits."

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3. The Department did not receive the completed wage match forms from Petitioner by July 21, 2025, so the Department closed Petitioner's FAP benefits and Medicaid.
 4. On August █ 2025, the Department mailed a notice of case action to Petitioner to notify her that her FAP benefits were closed, effective September 1, 2025, because she failed to verify requested information. The Department also mailed a healthcare coverage determination notice to Petitioner to notify her that her Medicaid was closed, effective September 1, 2025, because she failed to verify requested information.
 5. On August 28, 2025, Petitioner requested a hearing to dispute the Department's decision.

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 Food Assistance Program (FAP) is established by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, 7 USC 2011 to 2036a and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR 273. The Department administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001-.3011.

Medicaid is known as Medical Assistance (MA). The 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 administers the MA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10, and MCL 400.105-.112k.

The Department routinely matches client data with public and private agencies through computer data exchanges. BAM 800 (April 1, 2022), p. 1. One data exchange crossmatches client data with work history records submitted by Michigan employers. *Id.* This data exchange is known as a wage match. *Id.* In this case, the Department received a wage match indicating that Petitioner had unreported employment at █. When the Department receives a wage match that indicates a client has unreported employment, the Department must request verification from the client. BAM 802 (June 1, 2025), p. 2. In this case, the Department properly issued wage match notices to Petitioner to obtain verification of her unreported employment.

When verification is not returned by the 30th day, the Department must close the client's case. *Id.* at 3. In this case, the Department properly gave Petitioner 30 days to provide verification, and the verification was not returned by the 30th day, so the Department closed Petitioner's case in accordance with BAM 802. Therefore, the Department properly closed Petitioner's FAP benefits and Medicaid. Petitioner may reapply for public assistance benefits.

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 its policies and the applicable law when it closed Petitioner's FAP benefits and Medicaid.

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



JEFFREY KEMM
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. 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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