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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 October 16, 2025. Petitioner appeared and was represented by his mother [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Becky Fraser, Hearing Facilitator. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-44 was received and admitted.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility and deductible amount?

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. Petitioner's income and MA eligibility was reviewed after he applied for Food Assistance.
2. On August [REDACTED] 2025, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was sent to Petitioner informing him that he is eligible for MA with a \$[REDACTED] deductible effective September 1, 2025.
3. On September 2, 2025, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the determination of his MA eligibility and deductible amount.
4. Petitioner receives \$[REDACTED] per month in social security benefits.

### **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 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.

### **Medicaid (MA) Only**

This item completes the Group 2 MA income eligibility process. Income eligibility exists for the calendar month tested when:

- There is no excess income.
- Allowable medical expenses (defined in EXHIBIT I) equal or exceed the excess income. When one of the following equals or exceeds the group's excess income for the month tested, income eligibility exists for the entire month:

  - Old bills (defined in EXHIBIT IB).
  - Personal care services in client's home, (defined in Exhibit ID), Adult Foster Care (AFC), or Home for the Aged (HA) (defined in EXHIBIT ID).
  - Hospitalization (defined in EXHIBIT IC).
  - Long-term care (defined in EXHIBIT IC).

When one of the above does not equal or exceed the group's excess income for the month tested, income eligibility begins either:

- The exact day of the month the allowable expenses exceed the excess income. The day after the day of the month the allowable expenses equal the excess income. In addition to income eligibility, the fiscal group must meet all other financial eligibility factors for the category processed. However, eligibility for MA coverage exists only for qualified fiscal group members. A qualified fiscal group member is an individual who meets all the nonfinancial eligibility factors for the category processed. BEM 545 (July 2022)

In this case, Petitioner receives \$ [REDACTED] in social security benefits. After subtracting the \$20 unearned income general exclusion, Petitioner has \$ [REDACTED] in net income. After subtracting \$391 for the protected income level, \$ [REDACTED] remains which is the deductible amount. This was the deductible amount determined by the Department and it is proper and correct and consistent with Department policy. BEM 545

## **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 determined Petitioner's MA eligibility and deductible amount.

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



**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. 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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