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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 28, 2025. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Melissa Brandt, Family Independence Manager (FIM).

During the hearing proceeding, the Department's Hearing Summary packet was admitted as Exhibit A, pp. 1-40.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility for Petitioner's daughter?

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 September 2, 2025, Petitioner submitted Redetermination for the MA case. The household members were Petitioner, son age [REDACTED], son age [REDACTED], and daughter age [REDACTED]. Employment income was reported for Petitioner and both sons. Retirement Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) benefit income was reported for the daughter. (Exhibit A, pp. 7-13)
2. The Department received verification of the current monthly income from employment for Petitioner (\$ [REDACTED]) and her [REDACTED]-year-old son (\$ [REDACTED]). The Department utilized the information provided on the Redetermination for the 19-year-old son's income (\$ [REDACTED]). (Exhibit A, pp. 6, 9, 14-17, and 19-29)
3. The Department obtained verification of Petitioner's daughter's RSDI benefit income (\$ [REDACTED]). (Exhibit A, pp. 18 and 30)
4. Petitioner's [REDACTED]-year-old son was approved for MA under the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) category as a group of one based on his age and income. (Exhibit A, pp. 1, 6, and 31-32)

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5. On September 3, 2025, a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice was issued to Petitioner approving MA-HMP for the ■-year-old son effective October 1, 2025 and denying MA for Petitioner's daughter because income exceeded the limits for the MA categories she was potentially eligible for. (Exhibit A, pp. 34-37)
 6. On September 9, 2025, Petitioner submitted a hearing request contesting the Department's determination and requesting MA coverage for her daughter. (Exhibit A, pp. 3-5)

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.

The Medicaid program is comprised of several sub-programs or categories. To receive MA under an SSI-related category, the person must be aged (65 or older), blind, disabled, entitled to Medicare or formerly blind or disabled. Medicaid eligibility for children under 19, parents or caretakers of children, pregnant or recently pregnant women, former foster children, MOMS, MICHild, Flint Water Group and Healthy Michigan Plan is based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methodology. In general, the terms Group 1 and Group 2 relate to financial eligibility factors. For Group 1, net income (countable income minus allowable income deductions) must be at or below a certain income limit for eligibility to exist. The income limit, which varies by category, is for nonmedical needs such as food and shelter. Medical expenses are not used when determining eligibility for MAGI-related and SSI-related Group 1 categories. For Group 2, eligibility is possible even when net income exceeds the income limit. This is because incurred medical expenses are used when determining eligibility for Group 2 categories. Group 2 categories are considered a limited benefit as a deductible is possible. BEM 105, January 1, 2024, p. 1.

Other Healthy Kids (OHK) and the Healthy Kids Expansion (HKE) are two programs in the MAGI U-19 Medicaid category. OHK and HKE are available to children under the age of 19 whose household income does not exceed 160 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). BEM 131, January 1, 2022, p. 1.

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MICChild is a MAGI-related Medicaid Expansion program for children who are under 19 years of age and who are not enrolled in comprehensive health insurance. For a child age one to age 19, the income limit is 161 percent to 212 percent of the FPL. BEM 130, January 1, 2024, p. 1. Group composition for MAGI-related categories follows tax filer and tax dependent rules. BEM 211, October 1, 2023, p. 1.

The 2025 FPL for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia for a group size of two is an annual income of \$21,150.00. 212% of the FPL for a group size of two would be an annual income of \$44,838.00. Divided by 12, this equates to a monthly income of \$3,736.50. For a group size of three the FPL is \$26,650.00. 212% of the FPL for a group size of three would be an annual income of \$56,498.00. Divided by 12, this equates to a monthly income of \$4,708.16. For a group size of four the FPL is \$32,150.00. 212% of the FPL for a group size of four would be an annual income of \$68,158.00. Divided by 12, this equates to a monthly income of \$5,679.83.

In this case, Petitioner is only contesting the MA eligibility determination for her 15-year-old daughter. The MA category Petitioner's daughter is potentially eligible for with the highest income limit is MICChild, which has an income limit up to 212 percent of the FPL. The Department received verification of the current monthly income from employment for Petitioner (\$████████) and her 21-year-old son (\$████████). The Department utilized the information provided on the Redetermination for the █████-year-old son's income (\$████████). (Exhibit A, pp. 6, 9, 14-17, and 19-29). The Department obtained verification of Petitioner's daughter's RSDI benefit income (\$████████). (Exhibit A, pp. 18 and 30). If a group size of two is utilized, Petitioner and her daughter, Petitioner's income itself exceeds the 212 percent of the FPL limit. If one or both of Petitioner's sons are included in the group, their income is included as well. Whether a group size of two, three, or four is considered, the income exceeds the 212 percent of the FPL limit.

Petitioner noted that her children are younger and their income does not help with paying the household expenses. (Petitioner Testimony). However, this Administrative Law Judge must review the MA eligibility determination based on the applicable policies and his no authority to change or make any exception to policy, which include the income limits and do not allow for consideration of household expenses when determining income eligibility for MA.

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 daughter's eligibility for MA.

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

Colleen Lack
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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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