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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 29, 2025. Petitioner appeared and was represented by Angham Algahaim. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Anthony White, Eligibility Specialist. Interpretation services were provided by Nuran Elmetwally.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's application for Food Assistance Program (FAP) and close household member's Medical Assistance (MA) Program benefits?

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 June [REDACTED] 2025, the Department requested verification of household member [REDACTED] employment with [REDACTED] by July 17, 2025.
2. On August [REDACTED] 2025, the Department received Petitioner's application for FAP benefits listing employment income for Petitioner from [REDACTED] and for [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]
3. On September [REDACTED] 2025, the Department issued an Appointment Notice to Petitioner informing her of a scheduled interview for September 11, 2025.
4. On September [REDACTED] 2025, the Department attempted to contact Petitioner for the interview, but she was unavailable.
5. On the same day, the Department issued a Notice of Case Action to Petitioner informing her that her application was denied for failure to complete the interview.
6. On the same day, the Department issued a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (HCCDN) to Petitioner informing her that MA benefits were closing for [REDACTED] effective October 1, 2025, for failure to verify earned income.

7. On October 2, 2025, the Department received Petitioner's request for hearing disputing the denial of the FAP application and closure of Sedra's MA benefits.
8. On October █ 2025, the Department realized that Petitioner's case had been closed in error and issued a new appointment notice for October █ 2025.
9. On October █ 2025, the interview was completed, and the Department issued a new Verification Checklist (VCL) requesting verification of Petitioner's employment at █ by October 27, 2025.
10. On October █ 2025, Petitioner's FAP application was denied for failure to return the loss of employment verification for Marriott.

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) [formerly known as the Food Stamp program] 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 (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001-.3011.

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.

In this case, Petitioner's FAP application was denied, and a household member's MA benefits were closed for failure to verify requested information. When requesting verification, the Department is required to tell the client what verification is required, how to obtain it, and the due date. BAM 130 (May 2024), p. 3. The Department accomplished these requirements by issuing the VCL and Wage Match Client Notice. In both FAP and MA cases, the client is allowed ten calendar days from the date of the request to provide the requested information. BAM 130, pp. 7-8. Negative action notices are sent in FAP cases if the client refuses to cooperate or if the due date has passed and the client has not made a reasonable effort to provide the information. BAM

130, p. 7. In MA cases, notices of case action are sent when the client indicates a refusal to provide the information or the time has elapsed. BAM 130, pp. 8-9.

For purposes of the Wage Match Client Notice, the Department routinely matches recipient employment data with the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Development (LEO) and the (Unemployment Insurance Agency) through computer data exchanges. BAM 802 (June 2025), p. 1. The data assists in identifying current and past employment income. *Id.* The Department submits social security numbers to LEO quarterly to cross match work history submitted by Michigan employers. *Id.* The information is compared against client's reported earnings in Bridges. When a discrepancy arises, the discrepancy must be reconciled via DHS-4638 Wage Match Client Notice. The client has 30 days to provide the requested information. BAM 802, p. 2. If a client fails to provide the requested information by the 30th day, the case is closed. BAM 802, p. 3.

On June [REDACTED] 2025, the Department issued a Wage Match Client Notice to Petitioner for [REDACTED] employment with [REDACTED] due by July 17, 2025. On October [REDACTED] 2025, the Department issued a VCL requesting verification of Petitioner's loss of employment with [REDACTED] by October 27, 2025. The Department has no record of receiving either of the requested items. Petitioner and her AHR testified that documents were provided for each request, but they were unable to provide any specific dates on which the documents were provided. In addition, they indicated that [REDACTED] employment with [REDACTED] had ended in 2024. However, because the Department completes a quarterly data match with LEO, Sedra had to have had income from [REDACTED] in 2025. Because the Department has no record of receipt for these verifications and Petitioner cannot identify when they were submitted with any specificity, the Department properly closed [REDACTED] MA benefits and denied Petitioner's FAP application.

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 closed [REDACTED] MA benefits and denied Petitioner's FAP application.

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



AMANDA MARLER
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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