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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; 42 CFR 438.400 to 438.424; 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 by telephone on December 1, 2025. Petitioner appeared and represented herself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Rosemary Molsbee-Smith, Eligibility Specialist and Hearing Coordinator. Translation services were provided by Gonzalo Medina, an independent English-Spanish translator engaged by the Department.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Petitioner's Medicaid (MA) case for [REDACTED] (Son) for failure to return a redetermination application?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Son is a minor child. (Exhibit A, p. 20).
2. As of March 20, 2025, Son was reinstated for full coverage MA. (Exhibit A, p. 29, Serial No. 59).
3. On July 5, 2025, the Department sent Petitioner a MA redetermination application with a due date of August 4, 2025. The redetermination application instructed Petitioner to contact the Department before the due date if she required assistance. (Exhibit A, pp. 17 – 25).
4. Petitioner did not return the completed redetermination application.
5. On August 5, 2025, the Department sent Petitioner an email regarding the redetermination application. (Exhibit A, p. 29, Serial No. 61).
6. On September 5, 2025, the Department sent Petitioner a second email regarding the redetermination application. (Exhibit A, p. 29, Serial No. 63).

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7. On September 19, 2025, the Department sent Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (HCCDN) closing Petitioner's MA case for Son effective October 1, 2025, because Petitioner did not return a completed redetermination application. (Exhibit A, pp. 7 – 9, 26 – 28).
 8. On September 20, 2025, the Department sent Petitioner a third email regarding the redetermination application. (Exhibit A, p. 29, Serial No. 64).
 9. On September 29, 2025, the Department received a request for hearing from Petitioner, disputing the closure of Son's MA case. (Exhibit A, pp. 4 – 15).

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.

Petitioner requested a hearing to dispute the closure of her MA case for Son's MA coverage. The Department closed Son's MA case because Petitioner did not return a completed redetermination application.

The Department must complete a full review of eligibility factors for MA clients annually unless the client's MA coverage is specifically exempted. BAM 210 (July 2025), pp. 1, 3 – 4. Clients must cooperate with the local office to determine ongoing eligibility, including completing necessary forms. BAM 105 (June 2025), pp. 8 – 9. A MA review begins with the Department sending the client a redetermination application with a due date. BAM 210, p. 8. Benefits stop at the end of the benefit period unless a renewal is completed, and a new benefit period is certified. BAM 210, p. 4.

In this case, the evidence established that Son's MA was reinstated, not initially approved, in March 2025; and there was no dispute that the Department sent Petitioner a redetermination application on July 5, 2025, with a due date of August 4, 2025. There was also no dispute that the Department closed Petitioner's MA case for Son effective October 1, 2025, for failure to return the redetermination application. The evidence established that the Department also sent Petitioner three emails regarding the missing redetermination application between August 5, 2025 and September 20, 2025.

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Although Petitioner acknowledged that she did not complete and return the redetermination application by the due date, she explained that she did not do so because she was confused about why it was necessary because Son had been approved for MA three months prior. Petitioner testified that she attempted to contact the Department twice on September 15, 2025, to seek clarification regarding the redetermination, but was unable to reach anyone. However, Son's MA was reinstated, not approved, in March 2025, and there was no evidence that Petitioner made any further attempts to contact the Department or that she submitted the redetermination application at any time.

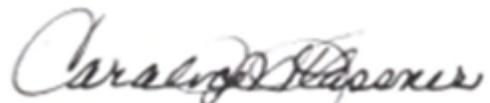
Because there was no evidence that Petitioner was not due for a redetermination of Son's eligibility for MA, she was obligated to complete the redetermination application. Therefore, because she did not do so, the Department properly closed Son's MA case effective October 1, 2025, for failure to return the redetermination application.

Petitioner was advised that she may reapply for MA and request retroactive coverage for Son if she wishes to do so.

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 Petitioner's MA case for Son effective October 1, 2025, for failure to complete the redetermination process.

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



CARALYCE M. LASSNER
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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