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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 November 26, 2025. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Daniella Sandler, Assistance Payments Supervisor.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Petitioner's Medical Assistance (MA) Program Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) 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. In April 2025, Petitioner submitted an application for FAP benefits and at that time was asked to verify his self-employment income.
2. On April [REDACTED] 2025, Petitioner submitted verification of Zelle payments but no tax returns or other employment verification form.
3. On October [REDACTED] 2025, the Department received Petitioner's completed redetermination for MA benefits.
4. On October [REDACTED] 2025, the Department issued a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (HCCDN) to Petitioner informing him that his MA benefits were closed effective November 1, 2025 for failure to verify his income.
5. On October [REDACTED] 2025, the Department received Petitioner's request for hearing disputing the closure of his MA benefits.
6. The Department testified that because of the April 2025 FAP application, Bridges automatically ran Petitioner's case and closed it because the required verifications were never provided.

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7. On October ■ 2025, the Department issued a Verification Checklist (VCL) to Petitioner requesting verification of his federal tax return and any schedules for 2024 by November 4, 2025.
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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.

In this case, Petitioner's MA benefits were closed at redetermination because he had not submitted sufficient verification of his self-employment income. Policy provides that self-employment must be verified for MA via federal income tax returns and schedule C Profit or Loss from a Business with all attachments. BEM 502 (October 2025), p. 7. A non-tax filer can submit a Schedule C to verify expenses without the 1040. BEM 502, p. 8. The DHS-431 Self-Employment Statement is not acceptable for MA purposes. *Id.* When verifications are requested, the Department must tell the client what verification is required, how to obtain it, and the due date. BAM 130 (May 2024), p. 3. The client must be provided ten calendar days to provide the requested verifications. BAM 130, p. 8. Negative action notices are sent when a client refuses to provide verification or when the time period given has elapsed. BAM 130, p. 9.

Petitioner testified that he had not submitted the requested information by November 4, 2025. He also testified that someone had advised him after he indicated that he could not attend the prehearing conference but before the VCL was issued that he could submit bank statements as verification of his income. However, the Department has no documentation supporting that his conversation ever took place. More importantly, Petitioner was correctly advised on the VCL to provide verification of his income via Federal Tax Returns and associated schedules by November 4, 2025 but he failed to comply. Therefore, the closure of Petitioner's MA benefits is appropriate.

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 benefits for failure to verify the requested information.

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://irs.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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