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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 February 12, 2026. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Remy Williams, Eligibility Specialist.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's eligibility for Medicaid (MA) coverage?

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 was an ongoing recipient of MA Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP).
2. On November [REDACTED] 2025, the Department sent Petitioner a redetermination for MA coverage with a due date of December [REDACTED] 2025. Exhibit A, pp. 8-16.
3. On December [REDACTED] 2025, the Department received Petitioner's MA application. Exhibit A, pp. 21-26.
4. On December [REDACTED] 2025, the Department sent Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (HCCDN) that informed Petitioner she was not eligible for MA coverage effective January 1, 2026 ongoing because she failed to return the redetermination form. Exhibit A, pp. 17-20.
5. On December 30, 2025, the Department received Petitioner's request for hearing that disputed the Department's closure of her MA coverage. Exhibit A, pp. 4-6.

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 disputed the Department's closure of her MA case for failing to return the redetermination.

For all programs, the Department must periodically redetermine or renew an individual's eligibility for active programs. BAM 210 (October 2024) p. 1. A redetermination is the periodic, thorough re-evaluation of all eligibility factors to determine if the group continues to be eligible for program benefits. BPG (June 2024), p. 58. For MA, this review is referred to as a renewal. *Id.* A complete redetermination/renewal is required at least every 12 months. BAM 210, p. 3. The redetermination/renewal process includes a thorough review of all eligibility factors. *Id.* A redetermination form is considered complete when all sections are completed. *Id.* p. 11. The Department sends timely notice of closure if documents are not timely returned. *Id.*, p. 17. For MA, benefits stop at the end of the benefit period unless a redetermination/renewal is completed, and a new benefit period is certified. *Id.*, p. 4.

Here, the Department sent Petitioner a redetermination for MA on November █ 2025 with a due date of December █ 2025. On December █ 2025, the Department received a completed MA application from Petitioner. The Department testified that although it received the MA application, it issued a HCCDN on December █ 2025 that closed Petitioner's MA effective January 1, 2026 for failing to return the redetermination. The Department acknowledged that the MA application can be used in place of the MA redetermination. BAM 210 (February 2026), p. 18. Because Petitioner timely returned her MA application to the Department, the Department did not act in accordance with Department policy when it closed Petitioner's MA case for failing to return the redetermination.

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 did not act in accordance with Department policy when it closed Petitioner's MA case.

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DECISION AND ORDER

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

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Reregister and reprocess Petitioner's December 2025 MA application;
2. Redetermine Petitioner's eligibility for MA coverage for January 1, 2026 ongoing in accordance with policy;
3. If eligible, provide Petitioner with the best available MA coverage for January 1, 2026 ongoing; and
4. Notify Petitioner of its decision in writing.



JULIA NORTON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

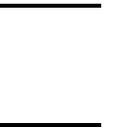
APPEAL RIGHTS: Petitioner may appeal this Hearing Decision to the circuit court. Rules for appeals to the circuit court can be found in the Michigan Court Rules (MCR), including MCR 7.101 to MCR 7.123, available at the Michigan Courts website at courts.michigan.gov. The Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) cannot provide legal advice, but assistance may be available through the State Bar of Michigan at <https://rs.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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