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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 17, 2026. Petitioner did not appear was represented by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR). [REDACTED] [REDACTED] appeared as a witness for Petitioner. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Julie Berg, Assistance Payment Supervisor.

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. On July [REDACTED] 2024, Petitioner was admitted to a nursing home facility. Exhibit A, p. 8.
2. On June [REDACTED] 2025, AHR submitted an MA application for Petitioner to the Department. Exhibit A, pp. 8-14.
3. The MA application listed one bank account ending in -[REDACTED] at Huntington Bank. Exhibit A, p. 9.
4. The MA application indicated there was no life insurance. Exhibit A, p. 9.
5. On August [REDACTED] 2025, the Department requested information from Medicaid Done Right (MDR) regarding a bank account ending in -[REDACTED] and a monthly Met Life insurance deposit of \$[REDACTED] Exhibit A, p. 35.
6. On August [REDACTED] 2025, the Department sent AHR a verification checklist (VCL) with a due date of August 18, 2025 that requested bank statements from accounts ending

in -█████ and -█████ from January 1, 2023 to current and proof that the Met Life Insurance payments ended. Exhibit A, pp. 15-16.

7. The Department extended the VCL deadline to September 5, 2025.
8. On September █ 2025, the Department received an email from MDR regarding accounts "█████" and "█████" Exhibit A, p. 68.
9. On September █ 2025, the Department sent Petitioner a Health Care Coverage Determination Notice (HCCDN) that informed Petitioner that effective October 1, 2025 ongoing, Petitioner was not eligible for MA coverage because she failed to verify information. Exhibit A, pp. 69-72.
10. On September 19, 2025, the Department received Petitioner's request for hearing that disputed the denial of Petitioner's MA coverage. 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.

In this case, AHR disputed the Department's denial of Petitioner's MA application for failing to return documentation in response to a VCL.

Verification is usually required at application/redetermination and for a reported change affecting eligibility or benefit level. BAM 130 (October 2023), p. 1. To request verification of information, the Department sends a verification checklist (VCL) which tells the client what verification is required, how to obtain it, and the due date. BAM 130, p. 3. For MA cases, the client is allowed 10 calendar days (or other time limit specified in policy) to provide the verification requested. If the client cannot provide the verification despite a reasonable effort, the time limit is extended up to two times. *Id.*, p. 8. Verifications are considered timely if received by the date they are due. BAM 130, p. 7. The Department sends a negative action notice when: the client indicates a refusal to provide a

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verification or the time period given has elapsed and the client has not made a reasonable effort to provide it. BAM 130, p. 7.

Here, the Department sent AHR a VCL on August █ 2025 that stated "I need █ and █ account from 1/1/23-current all pages." Exhibit A, p. 15. The Department testified that it requested the verifications because account -█ appeared on Petitioner's bank statements for her account -█ and the statements for -█ reflected transfers between the two accounts. Exhibit A, p. 21. The Department did not indicate why it requested verification of account -█. The due date for the VCL was extended to September 5, 2025. The Department testified that it did not receive any documentation regarding the two accounts. However, MDR contacted the Department on September █ 2025 by email and indicated that there was an "attached response about accounts █ and █. While the account numbers MDR referenced were incorrect, some type of documentation in response to the VCL was referenced as being attached to the email. This documentation was not presented at the hearing. AHR testified that she worked with MDR to get the Department the requested documentation. Based on the testimony and evidence presented, documentation regarding the two accounts was timely provided to the Department on September █ 2025 in response to the VCL and that documentation was not presented for review at the hearing. Therefore, there was insufficient evidence presented to determine whether the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it determined that Petitioner did not comply with the VCL for bank accounts -█ and -█.

The VCL also requested "proof the Met Life Insurance payments ended." The Department testified that the -█ bank statements reflected monthly deposits of \$█ from Met Life. Exhibit A, p. 21. AHR's position was that these payments had ended but she was unclear as to the specific end date. At the hearing, AHR testified she provided the Department a copy of a life insurance check that Petitioner received. However, AHR acknowledged that she did not provide documentation to the Department that the monthly \$█ Met Life payment ended. Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the VCL requested proof that the Met Life payments ended and AHR did not provide this documentation to the Department. Thus, the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it denied Petitioner's MA application for failing to return verification that the Met Life insurance payments ended.

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 eligibility for MA coverage.

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



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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