

Date Mailed: February 17, 2026

Docket No.: 26-000675

Case No.: [REDACTED]

Petitioner: [REDACTED]

DECISION AND ORDER

This matter is before the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) and the undersigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) pursuant to MCL 400.9 and upon a request for hearing filed by Petitioner [REDACTED] (Petitioner).

After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on February 4, 2026. Petitioner appeared and testified on his own behalf. Allison Pool, Appeals Review Officer, represented the Respondent Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (Department). Sheronda Campbell, Program Manager, testified as a witness for the Department.

During the hearing, the Department submitted an evidence packet that was admitted into the record without objection as Exhibit A, pages 1-20. No other proposed exhibits were submitted.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's request for Home Help Services (HHS)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The ALJ, based upon the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. On September 17, 2025, Petitioner was referred for HHS through the Department. (Exhibit A, page 10).
2. The Department reviewed Petitioner's application and found that Petitioner did not have Medicaid coverage. (Exhibit A, page 11; Testimony of Program Manager).
3. The Department then sent Petitioner written notice that his request for HHS was denied because he did not have qualifying Medicaid coverage. (Exhibit A, page 8).
4. On January 6, 2026, MOAHR received a request for hearing filed in this matter with respect to that denial of HHS. (Exhibit A, pages 7-9).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance Program is established pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). It is administered in accordance with state statutes, the Social Welfare Act, the Administrative Code, and the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program.

Home Help Services (HHS) are provided to enable functionally limited individuals to live independently and receive care in the least restrictive, preferred settings. These activities must be certified by a physician and may be provided by individuals or by private or public agencies.

Regarding the eligibility criteria for HHS, Adult Services Manual (ASM) 105 (10-1-2025) states in part:

OVERVIEW

Home Help services are available if the client meets all eligibility requirements. The Adult Services Worker (ASW) may open a Home Help case with supportive services methodology to assist the client in applying for Medicaid (MA), if necessary.

Home Help services payments cannot be authorized prior to establishing Medicaid eligibility and completing a face-to-face assessment with the client. Once MA eligibility has been established, the case service methodology must be changed to case management.

Requirements

Home Help eligibility requirements include **all** the following:

- Medicaid eligibility.
- Appropriate program enrollment type (PET) code.
- Certification of medical need.
- Need for service, based on a complete comprehensive assessment indicating a functional limitation of level 3 or greater for at least one activity of daily living (ADL).

Medicaid Eligibility

The client may be eligible for Medicaid (MA) when either all requirements for Medicaid eligibility have been met, or the Medicaid deductible obligation has been met.

The client must have a scope of coverage of either:

- 1F or 2F.
- 1D or 1K (Freedom to Work).
- 1T (Healthy Kids Expansion).
- 3G (Healthy Michigan Plan).
- 7W (MI Child).
- 8L (Flint).

Clients with a scope of coverage 20, 2C, or 2B are **not** eligible for Medicaid until they have met their MA deductible obligation.

Note: A change in the scope of coverage in Bridges will generate a system tickler in the Michigan Adult Integrated Management System (MiAIMS) for active services cases.

ASM 105, page 1

As described in the above policy, HHS are only available if a client meets all eligibility requirements, including having a listed scope of Medicaid coverage.

In this case, the Department denied Petitioner's request for HHS on the basis that he did have Medicaid coverage that meets the eligibility requirements for HHS.

In appealing that decision, Petitioner bears the burden of proving by a preponderance of evidence that the Department erred. Moreover, the undersigned ALJ is limited to reviewing the Department's decision in light of the information it had at the time it made the decision.

Given the available information and applicable policies in this case, Petitioner has failed to meet that burden of proof, and the Department's decision must therefore be affirmed.

As provided above, an individual is only eligible to receive HHS if he or she has Medicaid coverage and one of the scopes of coverage listed in policy; and, as credibly testified to by the Department's witness and provided for in its exhibit, the Department's records provide that Petitioner did not have any Medicaid coverage at the time of the decision in this case or thereafter.

Petitioner did not dispute the Department's findings, and he and the Department's witness discussed how and where he could apply for Medicaid coverage.

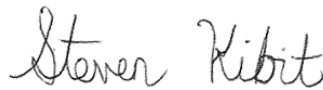
To the extent Petitioner obtains Medicaid coverage, then he can always reapply for HHS in the future. With respect to the decision in this case, however, the undersigned ALJ is limited to reviewing the decision to deny HHS and, based on the undisputed record, Petitioner lacked the required Medicaid coverage and the Department's decision was proper.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, decides that the Department properly denied Petitioner's request for HHS.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that:

- The Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.



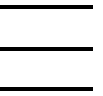
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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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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