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**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**Division of Hearings and Appeals**

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In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

DECISION

MGE/143349

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**PRELIMINARY RECITALS**

Pursuant to a petition filed August 21, 2012, under Wis. Stat. § 49.45(5), and Wis. Admin. Code § HA 3.03(1), to review a decision by the La Crosse County Department of Human Services in regard to Medical Assistance (MA), a hearing was held on October 3, 2012, by telephone.

The issue for determination is whether petitioner's appeal was timely filed.

There appeared at that time and place the following persons:

**PARTIES IN INTEREST:**

Petitioner:

[REDACTED]

Respondent:

Department of Health Services  
1 West Wilson Street, Room 651  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

By: Tom Miller, Supvsr.

La Crosse County Department of Human Services  
300 N. 4th Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:**

Nancy J. Gagnon  
Division of Hearings and Appeals

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Petitioner (CARES # [REDACTED]) is a resident of Vernon County.
2. The petitioner's case was due for a review in May, 2012. In mid-May and again on May 31, 2012, the Department issued written notice to the petitioner advising that her MA would be discontinued effective June 1, 2012. The petitioner received these notices.

3. The petitioner filed a hearing request that was received by the Division of Hearings and Appeals on August 21, 2012.
4. The negative action in this case was discontinuance of her MA effective June 1, 2012.

### **DISCUSSION**

A hearing officer can only hear cases on the merits if there is jurisdiction to do so. There is no jurisdiction if a hearing request is untimely. An appeal of a negative action by a county agency concerning MA must be filed within **45** days of the date of the action. Wisconsin Stat. § 49.45(5); Income Maintenance Manual § 3.3.1. A negative action can be the denial of an application or the reduction or termination of an ongoing case. The petitioner's appeal was filed **81** days after the date of the action. Thus, it was untimely, and no jurisdiction exists for considering the merits of the case.

The petitioner is encourage to file a new MA application at her earliest convenience.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

There is no jurisdiction as the appeal is untimely.

**THEREFORE, it is**

**ORDERED**

That the petition is dismissed.

### **REQUEST FOR A REHEARING**

This is a final administrative decision. If you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law, you may request a rehearing. You may also ask for a rehearing if you have found new evidence which would change the decision. Your request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and tell why you did not have it at your first hearing. If you do not explain these things, your request will have to be denied.

To ask for a rehearing, send a written request to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, P.O. Box 7875, Madison, WI 53707-7875. Send a copy of your request to the other people named in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your request for a rehearing must be received no later than 20 days after the date of the decision. Late requests cannot be granted.

The process for asking for a rehearing is in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes can be found at your local library or courthouse.

### **APPEAL TO COURT**

You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be filed with the appropriate court no more than 30 days after the date of this hearing decision (or 30 days after a denial of rehearing, if you ask for one).

For purposes of appeal to circuit court, the Respondent in this matter is the Department of Health Services. After filing the appeal with the appropriate court, it must be served on the Secretary of that Department, either personally or by certified mail. The address of the Department is: 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651, Madison, Wisconsin 53703. A copy should also be sent to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400.

The appeal must also be served on the other "PARTIES IN INTEREST" named in this decision. The process for appeals to the Circuit Court is in Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53.

Given under my hand at the City of Madison,  
Wisconsin, this 4th day of October, 2012

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Nancy J. Gagnon  
Administrative Law Judge  
Division of Hearings and Appeals

c: La Crosse County Department of Human Services - email  
Department of Health Services - email



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on October 4, 2012.

La Crosse County Department of Human Services  
Division of Health Care Access and Accountability