## STATE OF MICHIGAN STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

## ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Claimant

Reg. No: 2007-30785 Issue No: 2009 Case No: Load No: Hearing Date: March 26, 2008 Tuscola County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Janice G. Spodarek

# HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; MSA 16.409 and MCL 400.37; MSA 16.437 upon claimant's request for a hearing to protest the denial of claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA-P). After due notice, an inperson evidentiary hearing was held on March 26, 2008. Claimant was represented by

**ISSUE** 

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for MA-P?

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- (1) On 5/31/07, claimant applied for MA-P with the Michigan DHS.
- (2) Claimant applied for two months of retro MA.
- (3) On 6/21/07, MRT denied.

- (4) On 6/26/07, the department issued notice.
- (5) On 9/14/07, claimant filed a timely hearing request.
- (6) On 1/31/08, SHRT denied claimant.

(7) At the conclusion of the hearing, the record was held open at claimant's request for the submission of additional medical records. Medical records were received and submitted to the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT). On April 17, 2008, SHRT denied claimant's MA-P for a second time.

(8) The undersigned Administrative Law Judge took an extended scheduled leave of absence, returning full time of February 1, 2009. Upon return, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge was given information that claimant received a fully favorable decision approving claimant's Social Security application by the Social Security Administration with an onset date of February, 2006.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department of Human Services (DHS or department) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105. Department policies are found in the Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

Because of the Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability. PEM, Item 260; PEM, Item 261.

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### DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the claimant meets the definition of medically disabled under the Medical Assistance program as of 5/31/07, including two months of retro, if claimant meets the non-medical criteria.

<u>/s/</u>

Janice G. Spodarek Administrative Law Judge for Ismael Ahmed, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: March 25, 2009

Date Mailed: March 26, 2009

**NOTICE:** Administrative Hearings may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a party within 30 days of the mailing date of this Decision and Order. Administrative Hearings will not order a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's motion where the final decision cannot be implemented within 90 days of the filing of the original request.

The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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