

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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Reg No. 200817497
Issue No. 2009; 4031
Case No. [REDACTED]
Load No. [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: September 4, 2008
Wayne County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

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 April 4, 2008 request for a hearing to protest the department's denial of his medical review of Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on Thursday, September 4, 2008. The claimant personally appeared and testified on his own behalf.

ISSUE

Did the department properly determine that the claimant has not established continued eligibility for disability under the Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) programs?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. In April 2007, the claimant had a medical review of MA-P and SDA for determining continued eligibility.
2. On March 27, 2008, the Medical Review Team (MRT) stating that the claimant was denied continued eligibility for MA-P and SDA.
3. On March 31, 2008, the department sent the claimant a notice that he was no longer eligible for continued MA-P and SDA benefits with a program close date of April 30, 2008.

4. Subsequent to the hearing, the Social Security Administration determined that the claimant met the disability criteria for the RSDI program with a disability onset date of [REDACTED]
5. This Administrative Law Judge based on the objective medical evidence submitted for the uncovered and contested time period of May 2008 determines that the claimant continued to be disabled and was eligible for MA-P and SDA benefits.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program which provides financial assistance for disabled persons is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department of Human Services (DHS or department) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MAC R 400.3151-400.3180. Department policies are found in the Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the 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 (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 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.

The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done. The claimant is eligible for MA-P benefits retroactive to May 2008 and SDA retroactive to May 2008, which is the first month not covered from the claimant's medical review denial from MRT.

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 retroactive to May 2008 and SDA retroactive to May 2008.

Accordingly, the department is ORDERED to initiate a medical review of the claimant's medical review for May 2008, if it has not already done so, to determine if all other non-medical eligibility criteria are met. The department shall inform the claimant of the determination in writing.

/s/

Carmen G. Fahie
Administrative Law Judge
For Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: October 19, 2010

Date Mailed: October 19, 2010

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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the mailing 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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