

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF: [REDACTED]

Claimant

Reg. No: 2008-2817

Issue No: 2009

Case No: [REDACTED]

Load No: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

November 5, 2008

Wayne County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Rhonda P. Craig

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 and retroactive Medical Assistance. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held on November 5, 2008. Claimant was not represented.

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance and retroactive Medical Assistance?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

(1) Claimant applied for Medical Assistance on August 29, 2007, retroactive to May 2007.

(2) The department denied claimant's application on September 13, 2007.

(3) 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). SHRT approved claimant's claim of disability on January 29, 2009.

### 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 SHRT determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability, per Program Administrative Manual, Item 600.

The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done.

### 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 May 1, 2007.

Accordingly, the department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the August 29, 2007 application, 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/  
Rhonda P. Craig  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 04/21/09

Date Mailed: 04/21/09

**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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