

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: 2008-20015

Issue No: 2009/4031

Case No: [REDACTED]

Load No: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

August 28, 2008

Lapeer County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Marlene B. Magyar

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on August 28, 2008. Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the department properly determine claimant's disability status for Medicaid (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) eligibility purposes?

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 December 4, 2007, claimant applied for MA/SDA.
- (2) On June 10, 2008, the department's State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) issued a prehearing denial on claimant's application (Department Exhibit #2).

(3) Claimant promptly requested a hearing, at which, the presiding Administrative Law Judge admitted to two exhibits claimant presented at hearing (Client Exhibits A and B) for a post-hearing SHRT review.

(4) While claimant's appeal was pending, the Social Security Administration (SSA) determined claimant was disabled under their rules, with disability onset as of July, 2006 (Favorable Social Security Decision obtained and admitted by SHRT).

(5) When SHRT discovered this circumstance had occurred, SHRT reversed its prehearing denial in accordance with departmental policy through their reversal decision issued on June 29, 2009. PEM Item 260.

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).

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).

In the present case, the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) disability allowance, received while claimant's appeal was pending, currently establishes claimant is disabled and has

been disabled at all times relevant to his December 4, 2007 MA/SDA application. PAM Item 115 specifies three months retro-MA coverage also is available under these circumstances.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the department, through SHRT, properly determined and verified claimant's disability status while his appeal was pending.

Accordingly, the department's decision is AFFIRMED, and it is Ordered that claimant's disputed application shall be processed with benefits awarded if claimant meets all the other financial and non-financial requirements necessary to receive them. A medical review of claimant's condition is not necessary in light of the SSA allowance.

/s/ _____
Marlene B. Magyar
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 2, 2009

Date Mailed: July 2, 2009

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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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