

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: 2008-22796

Issue No: 2009; 4031

Case No: [REDACTED]

Load No: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

September 25, 2008

Macomb 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 the claimant's March 24, 2008 request for a hearing to protest the department's denial of the claimant's Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability Assistance (SDA). After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on Thursday, September 25, 2008. The claimant personally appeared and testified with her sister, [REDACTED] as a witness.

ISSUE

Whether the claimant meets the disability criteria for MA-P and SDA?

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 January 11, 2008, the claimant applied for MA-P and SDA without filing an application for retroactive MA-P benefits.

(2) 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 February 6, 2009.

The claimant is 55 years old with nine years of education and an unskilled work history. The claimant is alleging disability due to back and knee arthritis, and rotator cuff tear. The claim is a re-review of a January 2008 MA-P denial. The claimant met Social Security Administration Applicable Listing 1.01 with a vocational approval based on Vocational Guidelines 201.01. MA-P is granted beginning January 2008. A medical review of August 2011 is required so request medical records and tests from the treating physicians.

#### 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 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.

The claimant is eligible for MA-P beginning January 2008 with a medical review required August 2011. The claimant is also eligible for SDA based on her January 11, 2008 application.

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 MA-P program beginning January 2008 and SDA based on her January 11, 2008 application with a medical review required August 2011.

Accordingly, the department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the January 11, 2008 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/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Carmen G. Fahie  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: March 4, 2009

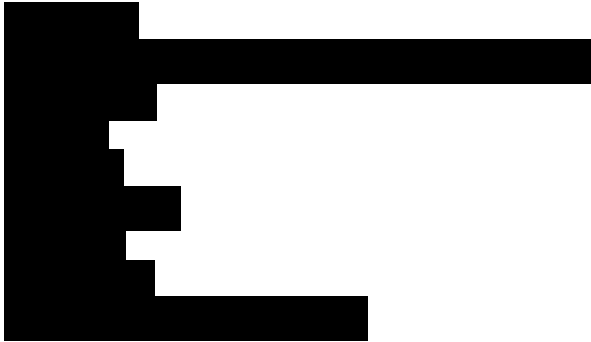
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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the mailing of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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