

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: 2008-24191
Issue No: 4031
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
June 30, 2009
Wayne County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Landis Y. Lain

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 June 30, 2009. Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services (the department) properly propose to cancel claimant's State Disability Assistance (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) Claimant was attending Michigan Rehabilitation Services and receiving State Disability Assistance benefits in the amount of [REDACTED] per month.

(2) On June 20, 2008, claimant telephoned the department and stated that Michigan Rehabilitation Services had determined that she was unemployable and unable to work due to her illness.

(3) SDA was put into suspense for closure in a DHS-171, Claimant Notice was sent to claimant on June 20, 2008.

(4) On June 26, 2008, claimant filed a request for a hearing to contest the department's negative action.

(5) On July 1, 2008, the negative action was deleted.

(6) In the interim, claimant was approved for Social Security Disability (SSI) with a disability onset date of [REDACTED].

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).

Because of the Social Security Administration's determination it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability. PEM, Item 260. 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 State Disability Assistance program as of the June 20, 2008 notification date.

Accordingly, the department's decision is REVERSED. Accordingly, the department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the claimant's State Disability Assistance benefit application if it has not already done so to determine if all other non-medical criteria are met from the June 20, 2008 date forward. The department shall inform the claimant of the determination in writing.

/s/ _____
Landis Y. Lain
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 14, 2009

Date Mailed: July 15, 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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