

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: 2008-4088
Issue No: 2009; 4031
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
February 6, 2008
Van Buren 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 request for a hearing to protest the department's denial of Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held Wednesday, February 6, 2008. The claimant personally appeared and testified on her own behalf.

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance and State Disability 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) On July 10, 2007, the claimant applied for Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance without filing an application for retroactive Medical Assistance.

(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 Medical Review Team (MRT). MRT approved claimant's claim of disability on July 10, 2008. The claimant was approved for Medical Assistance, retroactive Medical Assistance, and State Disability Assistance to December 2007 with a medical requested July 9, 2009.

(3) On October 29, 2009, the MRT again approved claimant for Medical Assistance, retroactive Medical Assistance, and State Disability Assistance with a medical review required October 11, 2011.

(4) This Administrative Law Judge notes that there is a contested time period where MRT did not give coverage from July 2007 through November 2007, where the claimant had the same impairments where she should have been eligible retroactive to July 2007.

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 MRT 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 Medical Assistance retroactive to July 2007 and State Disability Assistance based on her July 10, 2007 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 Medical Assistance retroactive to July 2007 and State Disability Assistance based on her July 10, 2007 application.

Accordingly, the department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the July 10, 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/ _____
Carmen G. Fahie
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: March 29, 2010

Date Mailed: March 29, 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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