

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No: 200910883
Issue No: 2009/4031
Case No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: April 15, 2009
Ingham County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Janice G. Spodarek

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 to protest the denial of claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA) and State Medical Program (SDA). After due notice, a telephone hearing was held.

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for MA 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 June 9, 2008, claimant applied for MA-P and SDA with the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS).
2. Claimant did not apply for retro MA.
3. On November 10, 2008, MRT denied.
4. On November 26, 2008, the department issued notice.
5. On December 15, 2008, claimant filed a hearing request.
6. On January 29, 2009, SHRT denied claimant.
7. 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), and on February 17, 2010, SHRT once again denied claimant.

8. Subsequent to the hearing, the Social Security Administration determined that the claimant met the disability criteria for the programs with a disability onset date of January 1, 2010.
9. On March 23, 2011, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge received an SOLQ SSA Response Report indicating claimant was approved disability benefits by SSA. Claimant's onset date is identified as January 1, 2010. There are no months left for a substantive review in the case herein.
10. The undersigned Administrative Law Judge has made a review of record and determined that claimant's alleged impairments meet the disability standard as of the June 9, 2008 application date with DHS.

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).

As noted in the Findings of Fact, claimant received a fully favorable decision from the SSA for her SSI application on December 30, 2010. That fully favorable decision found a disability onset date of January 1, 2010 pursuant to an application date of April 16, 2010. The undersigned Administrative Law Judge has made a substantial review of the record and finds that claimant's impairments meet statutory disability as of her April 15, 2009 application date. There was no retro application.

The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if required by DHS policy and procedure.

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 and SDA programs as of the June 9, 2008 application date, including any retro MA months, if otherwise eligible, and as permitted under policy and procedure.

According, the department's denial is hereby REVERSED.

The department is Ordered to make an assessment as to claimant's non-medical criteria from the application date until the SSI approval on January 1, 2010. If claimant meets the non-medical criteria, the department shall issue any supplemental benefits to claimant to which she may be entitled. The department is further Ordered to open this case pursuant to the SSI approval with an effective date of January 1, 2010 and continuing.

The department shall review this case in accordance with its usual policy and procedure.

/s/

Janice G. Spodarek
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 4, 2011

Date Mailed: April 4, 2011

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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