

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No: 2009-13883
Issue No: 2009, 4031
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
May 13, 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 May 13, 2009. Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services (the department) properly deny claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA-P) and retroactive Medical Assistance (retro MA-P)?

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 August 7, 2008, claimant filed an application for Medical Assistance, and State Disability Assistance benefits alleging disability.
- (2) On November 14, 2008, the Medical Review Team denied claimant's application.
- (3) On November 18, 2008, the department caseworker sent claimant notice that her application was denied.
- (4) On January 20, 2009, claimant filed a request for a hearing to contest the department's negative action.
- (5) On March 9, 2009, the State Hearing Review Team again denied claimant's application stating: it had insufficient evidence and requested

additional medical information in the form of an independent psychiatric evaluation.

- (6) The hearing was held on May 13, 2009. At the hearing, claimant waived the time periods and requested to submit additional medical information.
- (7) On August 5, 2010, an SOLQ was provided to the Administrative Law Judge which indicates that claimant is receiving SSI benefits in the amount of \$ [REDACTED] per month and the disability onset date is August 6, 2008.

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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

Because of the Social Security Administration 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 State Disability Assistance benefits and other 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 Medical Assistance program and the State Disability Assistance program as of the August 7, 2008, application date.

Accordingly, the department's decision is REVERSED. The department is ORDERED to initiate a review of claimant's State Disability Assistance benefits application of August 7, 2008, 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 a determination in writing. The department is also ORDERED to open an on-going Medical Assistance case for claimant effective the month of SSI entitlement.

Landis

/s/

Y. Lain
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 18, 2010

Date Mailed: August 20, 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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