

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: 2009-16362
Issue No: 2009; 4031
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
May 26, 2009
Genesee County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Janice Spodarek

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 denial of claimant's application for MA and SDA. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on May 26, 2009. Claimant was represented at the administrative hearing by [REDACTED], paralegal with [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance (MA) and 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) On 10/27/08, claimant applied for MA-P and SDA with the Michigan DHS.
- (2) Claimant did not apply for retro MA.

- (3) On 11/25/08, MRT denied.
- (4) On 12/3/08, the department issued notice.
- (5) On 12/29/08, claimant filed a hearing request.
- (6) On 4/7/09, SHRT denied claimant for insufficient evidence requesting additional information.
- (7) On 4/2/10 the undersigned Administrative Law Judge received correspondence from [REDACTED] Michigan stating that claimant was approved by SSA. The verification was not adequate to indicate disability date of onset and/or authority for claimant's approval.
- (8) 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 4/5/10, SHRT issued a decision indicating that claimant was approved by SSA for SSD benefits on 2/17/10 and is in current pay status. SHRT indicates claimant is approved effective 7/08.
- (9) On 4/6/10, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge received verification from SHRT regarding claimant's approval from SSA. Claimant was approved by way of a fully favorable social security decision issued 2/17/10 by Judge Christensen indicating a disability onset date of 3/1/08, through the date of the decision.
- (10) There are no months left for review herein.

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 Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability. PEM, Item 260; PEM, Item 261.

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 October, 2008 application date, including any retro MA months, if otherwise eligible, and as permitted under policy and procedure.

The department shall review this case in accordance with the recommendations laid out in the 4/5/10 SHRT decision.

It is so ordered.

/s/ _____
Janice Spodarek
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 22, 2010

Date Mailed: April 23, 2010

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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