

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.: 2009-17592  
Issue No.: 2009, 4031  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
June 1, 2009  
Macomb County DHS (36)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Linda Steadley Schwarb

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-P), retroactive Medical Assistance, and State Disability Assistance (SDA). After due notice, a hearing was held on June 1, 2009. The claimant appeared and testified. The claimant was represented by [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. Following the hearing, the record was kept open for the receipt of additional medical evidence.

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance and retroactive Medical 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 April 29, 2008, an application was filed on claimant's behalf for MA-P and SDA benefits. The application requested MA-P retroactive to January of 2008.

- 2) Thereafter, the department did not respond to claimant's April 29, 2008, application.
- 3) On August 27, 2008, a second application was filed for MA-P and SDA benefits. This application requested MA-P retroactive to May of 2008.
- 4) On November 20, 2008, the department denied claimant's August 28, 2008, application based upon the belief that claimant did not meet the requisite disability criteria.
- 5) On February 17, 2009, claimant's authorized representative requested a hearing to protest the department's failure to respond to claimant's April 29, 2008, application, and the denial of claimant's August 27, 2008, application for benefits.
- 6) Subsequent to the hearing, the Social Security Administration determined that the claimant met the disability criteria for Retirement, Survivors' and Disability Insurance effective January of 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 Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

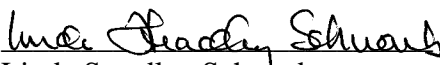
Because of the Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability. PEM, Item 260.

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 claimant meets the definition of medically disabled under the Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance programs as of January of 2008.

Accordingly, the department is ordered to initiate a review of the April 29, 2008, application and the August 27, 2008, application, if it has not already done so, to determine if all other non-medical eligibility criteria are met. The department shall inform claimant and his authorized representative of its determination in writing.

  
Linda Steadley Schwarb  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: February 3, 2010

Date Mailed: February 5, 2010

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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 the Circuit 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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