

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: 2009-20083
Issue No: 2009; 4031
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
June 16, 2009
Oakland 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 June 16, 2009. Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance (MA-P) 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 January 30, 2009, claimant filed an application for Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance benefits alleging disability.
- (2) On February 17, 2009, the Medical Review Team denied claimant's application stating that claimant could perform other work pursuant to Medical-Vocational Rule 201.07.

(3) On February 27, 2009, the department caseworker sent claimant notice that her application was denied.

(4) On March 12, 2009, claimant filed a request for a hearing to contest the department's negative action.

(5) On May 7, 2009, the State Hearing Review Team again denied claimant's application stating in its analysis and recommendation: the claimant has a history of right hip replacement. She is able to ambulate without assistance but had an antalgic gait. She had mildly decreased strength in the right leg. The treating doctor indicated she had some limitations effective until [REDACTED]. The claimant would be able to do sedentary work. A vocational analysis completed by a vocational specialist in the DDS found that the claimant's skills were transferable to sedentary work. (Pages 4-12) The claimant's impairments do not meet/equal the intent or severity of a Social Security listing. The medical evidence of record indicates that the claimant retains the capacity to perform a wide range of sedentary work. Therefore, based on the claimant's vocational profile of advanced age, college education and a history of semi-skilled and skilled work, MA-P is denied using Vocational Rule 201.07 as a guide. A vocational analysis in the file showed the claimant's skills were transferable to sedentary jobs. Retroactive MA-P was considered in this case and is also denied. SDA is denied per PEM 261 because the nature and severity of the claimant's impairments would not preclude work activity at the above-stated level for 90 days.

(6) The hearing was held on June 16, 2009.

(7) On June 12, 2009, the Social Security Administration notified claimant that she was found to be disabled under the Social Security Administration rules effective [REDACTED], for RSDI benefits.

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 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 and State Disability Assistance programs as of the January 30, 2009 application date.

Accordingly, the department's decision is REVERSED. The department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the January 30, 2009 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 its determination in writing.

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

Date Signed: July 14, 2009

Date Mailed: July 15, 2009

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 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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