

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: 2009-20085  
Issue No: 2009; 4031  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Load No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
July 28, 2009  
Tuscola County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jay W. Sexton

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 in Caro on July 28, 2009. Claimant personally appeared and testified under oath.

Claimant was represented by [REDACTED].

The department was represented by Karen Southgate (General Services Program Manager) and Carl Bailey (ES).

The Administrative Law Judge appeared by telephone from Lansing.

Claimant requested additional time to submit new medical evidence. Claimant's medical evidence was sent to the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) on March 10, 2010. Claimant waived the timeliness requirement so her new medical evidence could be reviewed by SHRT. On March 17, 2010, SHRT approved claimant for MA-P/SDA.

ISSUES

(1) Did claimant establish a severe mental impairment expected to preclude her from substantial gainful work, **continuously**, for one year (MA-P) or 90 days (SDA)?

(2) Did claimant establish a severe physical impairment expected to preclude her from substantial gainful work, **continuously**, for one year (MA-P) or 90 days (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) Claimant is an MA-P/SDA applicant (February 3, 2009) who was denied by SHRT (May 5, 2009) due to claimant's failure to establish an impairment which meets the department's severity and duration requirements.

(2) Claimant's vocational factors are: age—48; education—11<sup>th</sup> grade; post-high school education—GED; work experience—bookkeeper and secretary for the [REDACTED], secretary for [REDACTED], and substitute custodian for the [REDACTED].

(3) Claimant has not performed Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) since 2008 when she was bookkeeper/secretary for the [REDACTED].

(4) Claimant has the following unable-to-work complaints:

- (a) Dizziness;
- (b) Migraine headaches;
- (c) Meniere's disease;
- (d) Chronic dizziness;
- (e) Depression;
- (f) Anxiety; and
- (g) Stomach spasms.

(5) On March 17, 2010, SHRT approved claimant for MA-P and SDA.

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).

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that claimant meets the MA-P/SDA disability requirements under PEM/BEM 260/261. Claimant is disabled for MA-P/SDA purposes based on the March 17, 2010 approval by SHRT.

Accordingly, the department's denial of claimant's MA-P/SDA application is, hereby, REVERSED.

The department shall obtain a new physical examination report on claimant's condition on or before August 2011.

SO ORDERED.

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Jay W. Sexton  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 17, 2010

Date Mailed: August 18, 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 mailing of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the mailing date of the rehearing decision.

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