

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: 2009-22651  
Issue No: 2009  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Load No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
November 19, 2009  
Allegan 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, an in-person hearing was held in Allegan on November 19, 2009. Claimant personally appeared and testified under oath. Claimant was represented by [REDACTED].

The department was represented by Mariah Schaefer (APS).

Claimant requested additional time to submit new medical evidence. Claimant waived the timeliness requirement so that his new medical evidence could be reviewed by SHRT. On January 20, 2010, SSA approved claimant for RSDI with an onset date of April 1, 2006.

ISSUES

- (1) Did claimant establish a severe mental impairment expected to preclude him from substantial gainful work, **continuously**, for one year (MA-P)?
- (2) Did claimant establish a severe physical impairment expected to preclude him from substantial gainful work, **continuously**, for one year (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) Claimant is an MA-P/retro applicant (August 28, 2008) who was denied by SHRT (May 29 and December 8, 2009) based on insufficient medical evidence.

(2) Claimant's vocational factors are: age—54; education—high school diploma; post-high school education—none; work experience—painter and yard boy for a marina.

(3) Claimant has not performed Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) since he worked as a yard boy in 2004.

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

- (a) Mood disorder;
- (b) COPD;
- (c) Neck pain;
- (d) GERD;
- (e) Stomach dysfunction;
- (f) Vision;
- (g) Depression.

(5) On January 20, 2010, SSA approved for RSDI with disability onset date of April 1, 2006.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

**LEGAL BASE**

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).

On January 20, 2010, SSA approved RSDI with disability onset date of April 1, 2006. Therefore, this ALJ does not have jurisdiction to rule on the issue of disability at this time.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the claimant meets the MA-P disability requirements under PEM 260. Claimant is disabled for MA-P purposes based on the recent RSDI approval by SSA.

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

The department shall evaluate claimant's financial eligibility and open claimant's MA-P case, effective May 2008, if claimant is financially eligible for MA-P.

SO ORDERED.

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

Date Signed: February 16, 2010

Date Mailed: February 17, 2010

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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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