

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: 2009-24531
Issue No: 2009; 4031
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
July 22, 2009
Bay County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

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 April 16, 2009 request for a hearing to protest the department's denial of Medical Assistance, retroactive Medical Assistance, and State Disability Assistance. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held Wednesday, July 22, 2009. The claimant personally appeared and testified with her daughter, [REDACTED] and authorized representative, [REDACTED]

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance, retroactive Medical Assistance, and State Disability 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 December 12, 2008, the claimant applied for Medical Assistance, State Disability Assistance, with retroactive Medical Assistance to September 2008.

(2) 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). SHRT approved claimant's claim of disability on July 30, 2009.

The claimant is alleging disability due to back pain and spinal fusion. She is 52 years old and has a less than a high school education with a history of unskilled work. The claimant met applicable Social Security listings based on Vocational Approval 201.00(h). Medical improvement is anticipated and a short diary ought to be placed to assess residual function after an appropriate recuperation period.

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 SHRT determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability, per Program Administrative Manual, Item 600.

The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done.

The claimant is eligible for retroactive Medical Assistance to September 2008 through September 2010 and SDA based on the December 12, 2008 application with required Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) participation to be continued eligible for SDA after December 2009.

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 Medical Assistance retroactive to September 2008 and SDA based on the December 12, 2008 application..

Accordingly, the department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the December 12, 2008 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 the determination in writing. A medical review is required for MA in September 2010 and for MRS to continue after December 2009 claimant has to be involved with MRS for SDA to continue to September 2010.

/s/ _____
Carmen G. Fahie
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 25, 2009

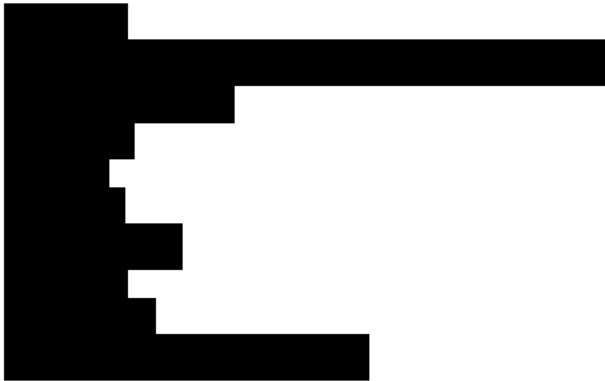
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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the mailing of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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