# STATE OF MICHIGAN STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

# ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

Claimant

Reg. No:2009-31357Issue No:2009Case No:1000Load No:1000Hearing Date:1000October 15, 20091000Ingham County DHS

# ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Janice Spodarek

## 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 request for a hearing to protest

the denial of claimant's application for MA-P. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held

on October 15, 2009. Claimant was represented at the administrative hearing by

**ISSUE** 

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for 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) On 4/10/09, claimant applied for MA-P with the Michigan DHS.

- (2) Claimant did not apply for retro MA.
- (3) On 5/11/09, MRT denied.
- (4) On 6/17/09, the department issued notice.
- (5) On 8/19/09, claimant filed a hearing request.

(6) At the administrative hearing, claimant's representative submitted a favorable SSA decision from the Social Security Administration indicating that claimant was approved under the rules effective May, 2009. The department testified that claimant's April, 2009 application is covered under the DHS policy and procedure as the department is allowed to reach back for three months.

#### 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).

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; PEM, Item 261.

# 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 program as of the April, 2009 application date and including three months of retro MA, if otherwise eligible.

/s/ Janice Spodarek Administrative Law Judge for Ismael Ahmed, Director

Department of Human Services

Date Signed: October 22, 2009

Date Mailed: October 26, 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 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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