

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: 2009-10857
Issue No: 2009; 4031
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
March 3, 2009
Ingham 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 December 16, 2008 request for a hearing to protest the denial of the claimant's application for Medical Assistance, retroactive Medical Assistance, and State Disability Assistance. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held Tuesday, March 3, 2009. The claimant was represented by her authorized representative,

[REDACTED].

ISSUE

Whether the claimant meets the disability criteria for MA-P, retroactive MA-P and 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 April 29, 2008, the claimant applied for SDA.
- (2) On July 31, 2008, the claimant applied for MA-P and retroactive MA-P to April 2008.
- (3) Medical records were received and submitted to the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT). SHRT approved claimant's claim of disability on February 5, 2009.

The claimant received a Social Security approval. The Disability Determination Service approved this claimant for benefits in [REDACTED]. At this point, it is not clear whether the claimant has been put into payment status or not. However, it is anticipated that she will be placed into payment status. At the medical review in February 2010, please check to see if the claimant is in current payment status or not. If the claimant is in current payment status at the medical review, no further action will be necessary. However, if the claimant is not in current payment status at the medical review, please obtain updated application forms (DHS-49) and obtain updated medical records.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Social Security Administration determined that the claimant met the disability criteria for the SSI program effective [REDACTED]

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.

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.

The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done. At medical review in February 2010, if the claimant is still in current payment status no further action will be necessary. However, if the claimant is not in current payment status, a medical review will be required.

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 MA-P retroactive to April 2008 and SDA based on her April 29, 2008 application.

Accordingly, if it has not already done so, the department is ORDERED to open an ongoing Medical Assistance case for the claimant effective the month of the SSI entitlement.

The claimant is eligible for MA-P retroactive to April 2008 and SDA based on her April 29, 2008 application. The claimant is eligible for a medical review February 2010 if she is not still in current payment status.

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

Date Signed: March 27, 2009


Date Mailed: March 27, 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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