

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: 2009-12140  
Issue No: 2009  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Load No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
March 12, 2009  
Calhoun 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 March 12, 2009 in Battle Creek, Michigan. Claimant was represented at the administrative hearing by [REDACTED].

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 8/15/08, claimant applied for MA-P with the Michigan DHS.
- (2) Claimant applied for three months of retro MA.
- (3) On 9/11/08, MRT denied.

(4) On 9/16/08, the department issued notice.

(5) On 12/9/08, claimant filed a hearing request.

(6) On 2/18/09, SHRT denied claimant.

(7) At the conclusion of the hearing, the record was held open at claimant's request for the submission of additional medical records.

(8) The undersigned Administrative Law Judge was on a scheduled leave of absence from 8/1/08, returning full time 2/1/09. None of the ALJ's pending cases were reassigned while on leave; no protected time afforded before or after leave for issuing decisions.

(10) On 1/4/2010, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge received an SOLQ SSA Response Report indicating claimant was approved SSI disability benefits. Claimant's onset date is identified as August 19, 2008. There are no months left for review.

#### 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 DHS application date of August 15, 2008. This Administrative Law Judge also determines that claimant is eligible regarding the federal disability standards for the three months of retro MA if otherwise eligible.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice Spodarek  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: January 22, 2010

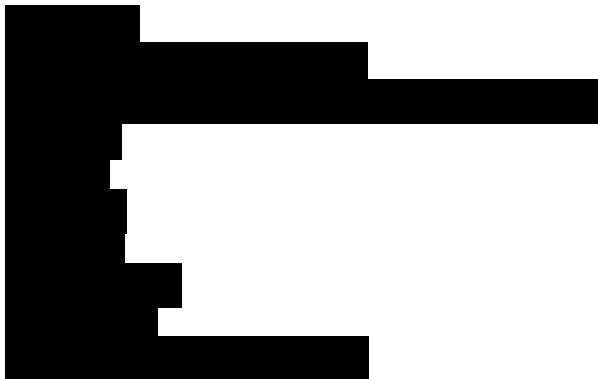
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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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