

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: 2009-1252  
Issue No: 2009; 4031  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Load No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
February 4, 2009  
Allegan 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 September 17, 2008 request for a hearing to protest the denial of claimant's Medical Assistance, retroactive Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance benefits. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held Wednesday, February 4, 2009. The claimant personally appeared and testified on her own behalf with her attorney, [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 July 21, 2008, the claimant applied for Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance with an application for retroactive Medical Assistance to April 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 June 1, 2009.

The claimant is alleging disability due to hypertension, brain aneurysm, COPD, and mini-strokes. She is 55 years old and has a high school education with a history of unskilled work. The claimant had a Social Security approval per Social Security Administration (SSA) Administrative Law Judge on April 17, 2009.

The SSA ALJ approved this claimant for SSI benefits in April 2009. Therefore, MA-P/retroactive MA-P is approved effective May 2008. SDA is approved per PEM 261. A medical review is required June 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 and obtain updated medical records.

#### 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 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.

This Administrative Law Judge awards the claimant is eligible retroactive MA-P to April 2008 and SDA based on the claimant's July 21, 2008 application.

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 program retroactive to April 2008 and SDA based on the claimant's July 21, 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 Medical Assistance program and/or the State Disability Assistance program) 20

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

Date Signed: July 13, 2009

Date Mailed: July 13, 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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