

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: 2009-14403
Issue No: 2009; 4031
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
May 21, 2009
Wayne 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 and SDA. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on May 21, 2009.

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance (MA) and State Disability Assistance (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 6/20/08, claimant applied for MA-P and SDA with the Michigan DHS.
- (2) Claimant did not retro MA.
- (3) On 10/21/08, MRT denied.

(4) On 10/29/08, the department issued notice.

(5) On 1/16/09, claimant filed a hearing request.

(6) On 3/18/09, SHRT denied claimant for insufficient information requesting additional medical documentation.

(7) At the conclusion of the hearing, the record was held open at claimant's request for the submission of additional medical records as well as the request by SHRT. Medical records were received and submitted to the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT).

(8) On 4/2/10, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge received a subsequent SHRT decision indicating that claimant had been approved SSI benefits by SSA pursuant to a fully favorable decision issued by Judge [REDACTED] dated 4/26/09.

(9) The federal SSA decision identifies claimant's onset date 12/2/02. There are no months left for a substantive review in the case herein.

(10) The 4/2/10 indicates that it is not clear whether claimant has been put into payment status or not but anticipated that claimant "will be placed in payment status."

(11) SHRT approves claimant pursuant to the SSA decision, MA effective 3/08; SDA approved in the month of application.

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 PAM, 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 required by DHS policy and procedure.

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 MA and SDA programs as of the 6/10/08 application date, including any retro MA months, if otherwise eligible, and as permitted under policy and procedure.

The department shall review this case in accordance with its usual policy and procedure but shall attend to the request in the 4/2/10 SHRT decision requesting information at review as to whether claimant is in "current payment status" by SSA. The department shall comply with the SHRT decision which states:

"If claimant is in current payment status at medical review, no further action will be necessary. However, if claimant is not in current payment status at the medical review, please obtain updated application forms (DHS-49 forms) and obtain updated medical records."

It is so Ordered.

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

Date Signed: April 22, 2010

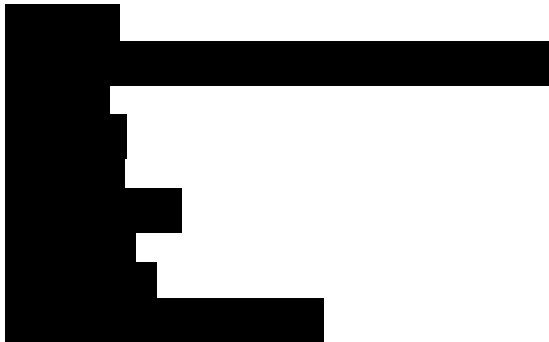
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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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