

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No: 200914944  
Issue No: 2009/4031  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: May 14, 2009  
Muskegon County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Janice G. Spodarek

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; and MCL 400.37; upon claimant's request for a hearing to protest the denial of claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA) and State Medical Program (SDA). After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on May 14, 2009.

**ISSUE**

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for MA 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 September 23, 2008, claimant applied for MA-P and SDA with the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS).
2. Claimant did not apply for retro MA.
3. On November 24, 2008, MRT denied.
4. On November 28, 2008, the department issued notice.
5. On January 29, 2009, claimant filed a hearing request.
6. On March 19, 2009, 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. Medical records were received on two separate occasions and submitted to the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT). The second denial by SHRT was on November 12, 2009; the third denial by SHRT was on May 24, 2010.
8. Subsequent to the hearing, the Social Security Administration determined that the claimant met the disability criteria for the programs with a disability onset date of April 3, 2008.
9. On April 15, 2011, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge received an SOLQ SSA Response Report indicating claimant was approved disability benefits by SSA. Claimant's onset date is identified as April 3, 2008. There are no months left for a substantive review in the case herein.

### **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).

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).

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 September 23, 2008 application date, including any retro MA months, if otherwise eligible, and as permitted under policy and procedure.

Accordingly, the department's denial is hereby REVERSED.

The department shall review this case in accordance with its usual policy and procedure.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice G. Spodarek  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 15, 2011

Date Mailed: April 15, 2011

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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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