

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: 2009-16705
Issue No: 2009
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
May 14, 2009
Ionia 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 January 12, 2009 request for a hearing to protest the denial of Medical Assistance. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held Thursday, May 14, 2009. The claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical 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 June 25, 2008, the claimant applied for Medical Assistance without filing an application for retroactive Medical Assistance.
- (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 March 25, 2009. The claimant is alleging disability due to a stroke. He is 41 years old and has an unknown work history.

The claimant was approved through the Social Security Administration on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SHRT approved retroactive Medical Assistance to June 2008 where the claimant has been approved for SSI and RSDI. A medical review is not needed.

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.

The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done.

Accordingly, the department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the June 25, 2008 application, if it has not already done so, to determine if all other non-medical eligibility criteria are met. The department shall inform the claimant of the determination in writing.

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 retroactive to June 2008 and State Disability Assistance based on the claimant's June 25, 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.

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

Date Signed: June 9, 2009

Date Mailed: June 9, 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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