

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: 2009-16981  
Issue No: 2009; 4031  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Load No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
February 2, 2010  
Lansing Administrative Hearings

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Landis Y. Lain

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. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held on December 17, 2009.

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability for 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 April 18, 2008, claimant filed an application for Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance benefits alleging disability.

(2) On May 2, 2008, the Medical Review Team denied claimant's application stating that claimant's impairments lacked duration.

(3) On May 8, 2008, the department caseworker sent claimant notice that her application had been denied.

(4) On July 8, 2008, claimant's representative filed a request for a hearing to contest the department's negative action.

(5) On June 26, 2009, the Social Security Administration granted claimant a fully favorable decision for SSI benefits beginning [REDACTED].

(6) This decision is for January and February 2008.

#### 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. BEM, Item 260. Medicaid policy

dictates that Supplemental Security Income is a cash benefit for needy individuals who are aged, blind, or disabled. The Social Security Administration determines SSI eligibility. Ongoing MA eligibility begins the first day of the month of SSI entitlement. Some clients also qualify for retroactive (retro) MA coverage for up to three calendar months prior to SSI entitlement. The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done.

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 for the months of January and February 2008, for the retroactive Medical Assistance. The Administrative Law Judge also determined that claimant meets the definition of medically disabled under the State Disability Assistance of the April 18, 2008 application.

Accordingly, the department's decision is REVERSED. The department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the State Disability Assistance benefit application and the retroactive Medical Assistance benefit application, if it has not already done so, to determine if all other non-medical eligibility criteria are met. The department shall inform the determination in writing.

/s/  
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Landis Y. Lain  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: February 24, 2010

Date Mailed: February 24, 2010

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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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