

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: 2009-20282
Issue No: 2009
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
June 11, 2009
Calhoun 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 March 10, 2009 request for a hearing to protest the denial of Medical Assistance benefits. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held Thursday, June 11, 2009.

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 December 23, 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 June 22, 2009.

The claimant is alleging disability due to major depression. The claimant is 41 years old and has a high school education with a history of unskilled work. The claimant met applicable Social Security Listing 201.00(h) of CFR 404, Subpart F.

The claimant's retroactive Medical Assistance is approved to October 2008 with a one-year medical re-exam in June 2010 recommended.

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 SHRT determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability, per Program Administrative Manual, Item 600.

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

The claimant is approved for retroactive Medical Assistance with a one-year medical re-examination required in June 2010.

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 retroactive to October 2008 with a medical re-examination in June 2010 required.

Accordingly, the department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the December 23, 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.

/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

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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