

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: 2009-36786
Issue No: 2009
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
October 29, 2009
St. Clair County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Ivona Rairigh

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, a telephone hearing was held on October 29, 2009. Claimant personally appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the department properly deny claimant's Medicaid (MA) and retroactive MA application, finding he lacks a legally disabling condition?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. Claimant applied for MA and retroactive MA on February 10, 2009.
2. On May 26, 2009 department's Medical Review Team determined that the claimant was not disabled for MA eligibility purposes.

3. On June 2, 2009 department sent the claimant an Application Eligibility Notice denying his MA application.

4. Claimant requested a hearing on June 12, 2009.

5. On October 2, 2009 department's State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) also determined that the claimant was not disabled.

6. Claimant presented additional medical information following the hearing. This information was forwarded to SHRT for additional review.

7. On April 2, 2010 SHRT advised that the claimant has been approved for Social Security disability benefits according to a Social Security Administration (SSA) Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) decision.

8. SHRT enclosed a copy of the ALJ's decision which approves disability benefits for a closed period of time from July 16, 2007 to September 14, 2009. ALJ's decision quotes the claimant and his representative requesting at the hearing disability benefits for this closed period time only.

9. SSA ALJ's decision further notes, and the claimant confirms, that there has been a significant medical improvement in his condition.

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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

In Michigan, the SSA's determination of disability onset is established for MA eligibility purposes. In the present case, evidence of the favorable SSA decision established that the claimant met the federal disability standard necessary to qualify for MA pursuant to BEM 260.

The SSA determined claimant has been disabled from July 16, 2007 to September 14, 2009. Consequently, the department must reverse its MA and retro MA denial, and process claimant's disputed application in accordance with department policy.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the department erred in determining claimant is not disabled.

Accordingly, department's action is REVERSED. Department shall:

1. Process claimant's disputed MA and retro MA application and issue him any benefits he was entitled to but did not receive, based on February 10, 2009 application date. Claimant's MA eligibility period is to be from November 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.
2. Notify the claimant of this determination in writing.
3. No review of claimant's MA eligibility is needed, as he is MA eligible only for the above-quoted closed period of time.

SO ORDERED.

/s/

Ivona Rairigh
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 12, 2010

Date Mailed: April 13, 2010

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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