

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: 2009-5071  
Issue No: 2009; 4031  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Load No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
March 17, 2009  
Alger County DHS

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, a telephone hearing was held on March 17, 2009.

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance benefits?

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 19, 2008, claimant filed an application for Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance benefits alleging disability.
- (2) On October 30, 2008, the Medical Review Team denied claimant's application stating that claimant could perform other work.

(3) On November 3, 2008, the department caseworker sent claimant notice that his application was denied.

(4) On November 7, 2008, claimant filed a request for a hearing to contest the department's negative action.

(5) On December 4, 2008, the State Hearing Review Team again denied claimant's application stating that claimant is capable of performing other work and could perform light work pursuant to Medical-Vocational Rule 202.05.

(6) Claimant is a 56-year-old man whose birth date is [REDACTED]. Claimant got out of prison [REDACTED] after 23 years.

(7) Claimant alleges as disabling impairments: hepatitis C, gallstones, asthma, and liver fibrosis.

(8) The Social Security Administration approved claimant for SSI benefits with a disability onset date of [REDACTED]

#### 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's determination it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability. PEM, Item 260. The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for State Disability Assistance 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 and the State Disability Assistance programs as of the September 19, 2008 application date.

Accordingly, the department's decision is REVERSED. The department is ORDERED to open an ongoing Medical Assistance case for claimant effective the month of SSI entitlement. In addition, the department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the September 19, 2008 State Disability Assistance 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/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Landis Y. Lain  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 7, 2009

Date Mailed: April 7, 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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