

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: 2009-8433

Issue No: 2009

Case No: [REDACTED]

Load No: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

April 23, 2009

Ottawa 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 April 23, 2009. Claimant personally appeared and testified. Also appearing and testifying on claimant's behalf was his fiancée/ex-wife and his Community Mental Health Case Manager E.L.

ISSUE

Did the department properly determine in October, 2008 that the claimant was not disabled for Medicaid (MA) and retroactive MA eligibility purposes?

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 State Disability Assistance (SDA) on October 20, 2008.
2. On October 30, 2008, department's Medical Review Team determined claimant was not disabled for MA eligibility purpose, but approved his SDA application.

3. On November 7, 2008, department sent the claimant a notice saying his MA application has been denied.

4. On November 20, 2008, claimant requested a hearing on department's action.

5. On January 14, 2009, department's State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) determined that evidence presented was insufficient to approve claimant's MA application, and denied him for this reason. SHRT however did cite that a current psychological evaluation was needed, and directed that such exam scheduled by Kalamazoo County DDS for [REDACTED] be obtained.

6. Following the hearing additional medical records were provided and forwarded by the Administrative Law Judge to SHRT for additional review.

7. On May 21, 2009, SHRT approved claimant's MA and retroactive MA effective July, 2008, application, with recommended three year medical re-exam diary (05/2012).

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).

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

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the claimant is disabled for MA and retroactive MA eligibility purposes.

Accordingly, department is to:

1. Initiate a review of claimant's October 20, 2008 MA and retroactive MA application to determine if all other non-medical eligibility criteria are met. The department shall inform the claimant of the determination in writing.

2. If claimant is determined eligible for MA, a medical review of claimant's benefits is to take place in May, 2012.

SO ORDERED.

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

Date Signed: June 2, 2009

Date Mailed: June 5, 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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