

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: 2009-9057
Issue No: 2009/4031
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
February 18, 2009
Tuscola County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Marlene B. Magyar

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 February 18, 2009. Claimant personally appeared and testified. He was assisted by patient advocate, [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the department properly determine claimant's disability status for Medicaid (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) 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) On August 18, 2008, claimant applied for MA/SDA.
- (2) The State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) issued a prehearing denial on claimant's application on January 16, 2009 (Department Exhibit #2).

(3) Claimant promptly requested a hearing, at which, the presiding Administrative Law Judge extended the record for a post-hearing review of claimant's exhibits by SHRT (Client Exhibit A and B).

(4) On March 12, 2009, SHRT changed their denial based on a finding claimant was determined disabled by the Social Security Administration (SSA), with MA benefits effective July, 2008.

(5) The impairments the SSA reviewed were identical to those claimant alleged at his MA/SDA hearing, held on February 18, 2009.

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).

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).

In the present case, SHRT reversed its earlier finding of lack of disability based on the SSA's favorable controlling determination. The SSA's decision is binding on the department. It

establishes claimant is currently disabled, and has been disabled at all times relevant to his August 18, 2008 MA/retro-MA/SDA application.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the department, through SHRT, properly determined claimant's disability status upon consideration of additional evidence reviewed for the first time after the hearing.

Accordingly, the department's decision is AFFIRMED and it is Ordered that claimant's disputed MA/retro-MA/SDA application shall be processed with benefits awarded if claimant meets all of the other financial and non-financial requirements necessary to receive them. Furthermore, a review of claimant's mental/physical conditions is not necessary as long as his SSA approval continues.

/s/ _____
Marlene B. Magyar
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: _____

Date Mailed: _____

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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt 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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