

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2010-14306
Issue No.: 2009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: February 18, 2010
Macomb County DHS (36)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Colleen M. Mamelka

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a hearing was held in Clinton Township, Michigan on Thursday, February 18, 2010. The Claimant appeared, along with [REDACTED], and testified. The Claimant was represented by [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department.

During the hearing, the Claimant waived the time frame for the issuance of this decision, in order to allow for the submission of additional medical evidence. Subsequently, the Claimant's Authorized Representative presented documentation establishing that the Social Security Administration ("SSA") has found the Claimant disabled with an entitlement date of January 2008.

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly determined that the Claimant was not disabled for purposes of the Medical Assistance ("MA-P") benefit program?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. The Claimant submitted an application for public assistance seeking MA-P benefit on April 9, 2009.
2. On June 15, 2009, the Medical Review Team ("MRT") determined that the Claimant was not disabled. (Exhibit 1, pp. 52, 53)

3. On June 20, 2009, the Department sent an eligibility notice to the Claimant informing her that she was found not disabled. (Exhibit 2)
4. The Department received the Claimant's written Hearing Request. (Exhibit 3)
5. On January 11, 2010, the State Hearing Review Team ("SHRT") found the Claimant not disabled. (Exhibit 4)
6. On October 14, 2010, the Claimant's Authorized Representative submitted documentation confirming that the SSA has approved the Claimant for disability benefits.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance ("MA") program is established by Subchapter XIX of Chapter 7 of The Public Health & Welfare Act, 42 USC 1397, and is administered by the Department of Human Services ("DHS"), formerly known as the Family Independence Agency, 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 Bridges Reference Manual ("BRM").

A previously denied MA application is treated as a pending application when MRT determined the Claimant was not disabled and subsequently, the Social Security Administration ("SSA") determines that the Claimant is entitled to SSI based on his disability/blindness for some, or all, of the time covered by the denied MA application provided the Department is informed of the approval within 90 days of the date of the MA denial notice. BEM 260 All eligibility factors must be met for each month MA is authorized. BEM 260

In this case, the SSA approved the Claimant for SSI benefits with an entitlement date of January 2008. Ultimately, because of the favorable Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary to discuss the issue of disability pursuant to BEM 260.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the Claimant meets the definition of medically disabled under the MA-P program.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

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1. The Department shall open (if not previously done so) an ongoing Medical Assistance case for the Claimant based on the April 8, 2009 determination application.
2. The Department shall supplement for any lost benefits (if any) that the Claimant was entitled to receive if otherwise eligible qualified.

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Administrative Law Judge
For Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 10/18/2010

Date Mailed: 10/18/2010

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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