# STATE OF MICHIGAN STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

# ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

Issue No.: 2009 Claimant Case No.:

Load No.:

Hearing Date: February 24, 2010

Wayne County DHS (82)

Reg. No.: 2010-15662

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 Redford, Michigan on Wednesday, February 24, 2010. The Claimant appeared, along with , and testified. The Claimant was represented by

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During the hearing, the Claimant waived the time period for the issuance of this decision in order to allow for the submission of additional medical evidence. On April 15, 2010, the Department faxed over a fully favorable determination from the Social Security Administration ("SSA") with a disability onset date of December 1, 2009.

## <u>ISSUE</u>

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

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. The Claimant submitted a public assistance application seeking MA-P on August 27, 2009.
- 2. On October 9, 2009, the Medical Review Team ("MRT") found the Claimant not disabled for purposes of the MA-P program. (Exhibit 1, pp. 1, 2)
- 3. The Department sent the Claimant notification of the MRT denial.
- 4. On or about December 22, 2009, the Department received the Claimant's timely written request for hearing. (Exhibit 2)
- On January 25, 2010, the State Hearing Review Team found the Claimant not diasabled.(Exhibit 4)
- 6. The SSA issued a fully favorable determination with a disability onset date of December 2009.

#### **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 Policy Glossary ("BPG").

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

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("SSA") determines that the Claimant is entitled to RSDI based on his/her 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

Ultimately, because of the fully favorable Social Security Administration determination,

it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge 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:

1. The Department shall open (if not previously done so) an ongoing Medical Assistance case for the Claimant based

upon the August 27, 2009 application.

2. The Department shall supplement for any lost benefits the

Claimant was entitled to receive if otherwise eligible and

qualified in accordance with Department policy.

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Administrative Law Judge For Ishmael Ahmed, Director

Department of Human Services

Date Signed: <u>4/27/2010</u>

Date Mailed: 4/27/2010

**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

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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 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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