

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.: 2010-23798
Issue No.: 2000
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
April 5, 2010
Oakland County DHS (4)

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 Claimant's request for hearing. After due notice, a hearing was conducted in Pontiac, Michigan on Monday, April 5, 2010. The Claimant appeared and testified, along with [REDACTED]. The Claimant was represented by [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department.

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly denied the Claimant's March 30, 2009 Medical Assistance ("MA-P") application?

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 an application with the Social Security Administration ("SSA") for SSI benefits on February 28, 2005.

2. The Claimant submitted a public assistance application on March 30, 2009 seeking MA-P benefits.
3. On May 14, 2009, the Medical Review Team (“MRT”) deferred the disability determination requesting the Department schedule a psychiatric evaluation. (Exhibit 1, p. 13)
4. On June 30, 2009, the Claimant attended a psychiatric evaluation. (Exhibit 1, pp. 3 – 12)
5. On June 23, 2009, the MRT found the Claimant not disabled. (Exhibit 1, pp. 1, 2)
6. On October 6, 2009, the Department received the Claimant’s written request for hearing. (Exhibit 2)
7. On March 18, 2010, the State Hearing Review Team (“SHRT”) determined the Claimant was not disabled. (Exhibit 3)
8. In March 2010, the Appeals Council agreed with the SSA Administrative Law Judge’s decision that the Claimant was not disabled.

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 pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et. seq.* The Department of Human Services (“DHS”), formerly known as the Family Independence Agency, administers the program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq* and MAC R 400.3001-3015. Departmental policies are found in the Program Administrative Manual (“PAM”)-currently the Bridges Administrative Manual (“BAM”), the Program Eligibility Manual (“PEM”)- currently the Bridges Eligibility Manual (“BEM”), and the Program Reference Manual (“PRM”)- currently the Bridges Program Glossary (“BPG”).

The disability standard for both disability related MA and SSI is the same. PEM 271; BEM 271 When the SSA determines that a client is not disabled/blind for SSI purposes, the client may appeal that determination at SSA. PEM 260; BEM 260 The SSA Appeals Process consists of three steps:

1. Reconsideration (if initial application filed prior to October 1, 1999)
2. Hearing
3. Appeals Council

PEM 260; BEM 260 The client has 60 days from the date he receives a denial notice to appeal a SSA action. PEM 260, PEM 271; PEM 260, BEM 271 A SSA determination becomes final when no further appeals may be made at SSA. PEM 260; BEM 260 Once a SSA's determination that a disability or blindness does not exist becomes final, the MA case must be closed. PEM 260, PEM 271; BEM 260, BEM 271

In the record presented, an ALJ from SSA found the Claimant not disabled. The Claimant appealed the determination to the Appeals Council. The Appeals Council affirmed the ALJ's determination. The Claimant has no further appeal rights nor has the Claimant asserted a new impairment or further deterioration since the denial. Accordingly, the SSA determination is binding on the Claimant's MA-P application.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law affirms the Department's determination based on the final SSA determination.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

The Department's determination is AFFIRMED.

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

Date Signed: 4/8/2010

Date Mailed: 4/8/2010

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 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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