

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 201027970
Issue No.: 2009; 4031
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: August 23, 2010
Wayne County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Aaron McClintic

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 telephone hearing was held on August 23, 2010. The Claimant appeared and testified. [REDACTED], ES appeared on behalf of the Department.

ISSUE

Was the Department correct in denying Claimant's MA and SDA application?

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-P and SDA on January 20, 2010.
2. The Medical Review Team denied the applications on March 2, 2010.
3. Claimant filed a request for hearing on March 19, 2010 regarding SDA, MA.
4. A hearing was held on August 23, 2010.
5. Claimant's file was sent to the State Hearing Review Team on November 30, 2009.

6. On April 2, 2010 the State Hearing Review Team denied the application because Claimant was capable of performing light sedentary work.
7. On October 5, 2010 the State Hearing Review Team denied the application because Claimant was capable of performing sedentary unskilled work, and because the nature and severity of the Claimant's impairments would not preclude work activity at the above state level for 90 days.
8. On September 1, 2010, the Social Security Administration approved Claimant's case, finding disability for the purpose of securing SSI income.
9. The Social Security Administration gave Claimant a disability onset date of January 1, 2010.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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).

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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

Department policy at BEM 260 states that if a claimant has been found eligible for either SSI or RSDI based upon a finding of disability, the person meets the Department's MA disability criteria. No other evidence is required to establish disability. In the present case, the claimant was found by the Social Security Administration to be eligible for RSDI benefits based upon disability, and has presented prima facie evidence of the same. This disability was found by the Social Security Administration to have an onset date of January 1, 2010, the same month Claimant requested MA-P. Therefore, the Administrative Law Judge finds that the Claimant met the Department's definition of disabled for the purposes of MA-P and SDA.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Claimant is medically disabled for the purposes of the MA and SDA program, pending a review of all non-medical eligibility factors.

Accordingly, the Department's decision in the above stated matter is, hereby, REVERSED.

The Department is ORDERED to process Claimant's Medicaid application of January 20, 2010, and initiate a review of all non-medical eligibility factors, if it has not already done so.

The Department is further ORDERED to initiate a full review of this case in October, 2011.



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

Date Signed: October 29, 2010

Date Mailed: October 29, 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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