

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No: 20102982

Issue No: 2009

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Hearing Date: March 3, 2010
St Clair County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Janice G. Spodarek

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 to protest the denial of claimant's application for MA-P. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held on March 3, 2010.

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance (MA)?

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 March 9, 2009, claimant applied for MA-P with the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS).
2. Claimant applied for 3 months of retro MA.
3. On May 26, 2009, MRT denied.
4. On May 29, 2009, the department issued notice.
5. On August 20, 2009, claimant filed a hearing request.

6. On October 29, 2009, SHRT denied claimant.
7. At the conclusion of the hearing, the record was held open at claimant's request for the submission of additional medical records. Prior to the receipt and submission of the new medical documentation, claimant received a favorable Social Security decision.
8. Subsequent to the hearing, the Social Security Administration determined that the claimant met the disability criteria for the programs with a disability onset date of October 5, 2006.
9. On June 3, 2011, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge received an SOLQ SSA Response Reporting indicating claimant was approved disability benefits by SSA. Claimant's onset date is identified as October 5, 2006. There are no months left for review.

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).

Because of the Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability. PEM, Item 260; PEM, Item 261.

The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if required by DHS policy and procedure.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the claimant meets the definition of medically disabled under the Medical Assistance program as of the March 9, 2009 application date, including any retro MA months if otherwise eligible, and as permitted under policy and procedure.

Accordingly, the department's denial is hereby REVERSED.

