

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg No. 201055839  
Issue No. 2009  
Case No. [REDACTED]  
Load No. [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: December 1, 2010  
Ingham County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Marlene B. Magyar

**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, an in-person hearing was held on December 1, 2010. Claimant and her spouse personally appeared and testified. She was represented by [REDACTED] Attorney.

**ISSUE**

Did the department properly deny claimant's May 6, 2010 Medicaid (MA)/retro-MA application based on a finding she lacks a legally disabling condition?

**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 May 6, 2010, claimant applied for MA/retro-MA.
2. When claimant's application was denied she filed a timely hearing request to protest the denial.
3. Claimant's hearing was held on December 1, 2010.
4. During the pendency period, claimant's attorney provided this Administrative Law Judge with proof (Fully Favorable Decision) establishing claimant was determined disabled by the Social Security Administration (SSA), with onset established as of August 13, 2009.

**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).

In Michigan, the SSA's determination of disability onset is binding for MA/retro-MA eligibility purposes. In the present case, evidence of the favorable SSA decision conclusively establishes claimant met the federal disability standard necessary to qualify for MA/retro-MA at all times relevant to her disputed application pursuant to BEM Items 150 and 260.

The evidence submitted clearly establishes claimant was determined disabled as of August 2009. Consequently, the department must reverse its erroneous denial and process claimant's disputed application in accordance with departmental policy.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the department erred in determining claimant is not disabled.

Accordingly, the department's decision is REVERSED, and it is Ordered that:

1. The department shall approve MA/retro-MA benefits for claimant if she is otherwise eligible to receive them.
2. Departmental review of claimant's medical condition is not necessary as long as SSA disability status continues.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Marlene B. Magyar  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: March 8, 2011

Date Mailed: March 8, 2011

**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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