

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: 2010-8133
Issue No: 2009
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
January 12, 2010
Ingham County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; MSA 16.409 and MCL 400.37; MSA 16.437 upon claimant's October 13, 2009 request for a hearing to protest the department's denial of Medical Assistance and retroactive Medical Assistance. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held Tuesday, January 12, 2010. The claimant was represented at the hearing by [REDACTED]

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance (MA-P) and retroactive Medical Assistance?

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 30, 2009, the claimant applied for Medical Assistance and retroactive Medical Assistance to December 2009.

(2) At the conclusion of the hearing, the record was held open at claimant's request for the submission of additional medical records. Medical records were received and submitted to the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT). SHRT approved claimant's claim of disability on March 8, 2010.

The claimant is alleging disability due to arthritis, right hand numbness, hypertension, and left lower extremity injury. He is 58 years old and has an 11th grade education with a history of semi-skilled work. The claimant met applicable Social Security Listings 1.01, 1.04, and 4.01 under a Vocational Approval. The claimant's impairments do not meet/equal the intent or severity of an appropriate Social Security listing. The medical evidence of record indicates that the claimant retains the capacity to perform a semi-skilled range of light work. However, based on the claimant's vocational profile (advanced age), MA-P is approved using Vocational Rule 202.06 as a guide. Retroactive MA-P was considered in this case and approved effective January 1, 2009. SDA is approved in accordance with PEM 261.

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 Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

Because of the SHRT determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability, per Program Administrative Manual, Item 600.

The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done. The claimant is eligible for Medical Assistance retroactive to January 2009. SHRT also approved the claimant for State Disability Assistance in accordance with PEM 261, which the department would be required to do an interview and a subsequent application for those benefits.

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 Medical Assistance retroactive to January 2009 and State Disability Assistance based on the SHRT decision dated March 8, 2010.

Accordingly, the department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the March 30, 2009 application, if it has not already done so, to determine if all other non-medical eligibility criteria are met. The department shall inform the claimant of the determination in writing.

The department is ordered to conduct a face-to-face interview to determine the claimant's eligibility for State Disability Assistance pending his application to determine the claimant's potential eligibility for State Disability Assistance.

/s/
Carmen G. Fahie
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 5, 2010

Date Mailed: April 5, 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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