

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: 2010-9980

Issue No: 2009

Case No: [REDACTED]

Load No: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

February 9, 2010

Jackson County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jana A. Bachman

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. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held on February 9, 2010. Claimant was represented by [REDACTED]

ISSUE

Whether claimant has established disability 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) December 23, 2008, claimant applied for MA and retroactive MA.
- (2) June 1, 2009, the Medical Review Team (MRT) denied claimant's application.

Department Exhibit A.

- (3) June 3, 2009, the department sent claimant written notice that the application was denied.

(4) September 1, 2009, the department received claimant's timely request for hearing.

(5) January 4, 2010, the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) denied claimant's application. Department Exhibit B.

(6) February 9, 2010, the in-person hearing was held. Prior to the close of the hearing, claimant submitted additional medical evidence. Claimant waived the right to a timely hearing decision.

(7) February 11, 2010, after review of all medical evidence, the SHRT approved claimant's application. SHRT Decision, 2-11-10.

(8) Claimant meets the disability requirements to qualify for MA effective the earliest retroactive month of application.

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).

Department manuals provide the following policy statements and instructions for caseworkers: A person meets the disability or blindness factor for a month if he is determined disabled or blind for the month being tested. Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 260; 42 CFR 435.540, .541; MCL 400.106.

In this case, claimant received a fully favorable decision from the SHRT regarding claimant's disability. The SHRT determined that claimant is disabled and the disability onset

effective September 2008. Finding of Fact 1-8. As such, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss claimant's disability.

Claimant meets the disability requirements under the law for Medical Assistance effective September 2008.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that claimant has established disability for purposes of Medical Assistance effective with the earliest retroactive month of application: September 2008.

Accordingly, the department's action is, hereby, REVERSED. If it has not already done so, the department is to initiate an evaluation of claimant's financial eligibility for Medical Assistance beginning with the earliest retroactive month of application. If otherwise eligible, medical review is set for March 2011.

/s/ _____
Jana A. Bachman
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 7, 2010

Date Mailed: April 20, 2010

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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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