

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: 2010-10461
Issue No: 2009
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
March 24, 2010
St. Clair County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jay W. Sexton

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 March 24, 2010, in Port Huron. The claimant personally appeared and testified under oath. Claimant was represented by [REDACTED],

[REDACTED].

The department was represented by Kris Rutowski (FIM).

By agreement of the parties, the record closed on March 24, 2010.

ISSUES

- (1) Did claimant establish a severe mental impairment expected to preclude him from substantial gainful work, **continuously**, for one year (MA-P)?
- (2) Did claimant establish a severe physical impairment expected to preclude him from substantial gainful work, **continuously**, for one year (MA-P)?

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 is an MA-P applicant (May 8, 2009) who was denied by SHRT (December 17, 2009) based on claimant's ability to perform medium work.
- (2) Claimant's vocational factors are: age--44; education--10th grade; post high school education--none; work experience--grocery store stocker and finish carpenter.
- (3) Claimant has not performed Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) since he worked as a grocery store stocker in 2007.
- (4) Claimant has the following unable-to-work complaints:
 - (a) Rheumatoid arthritis;
 - (b) Chronic ankle pain;
 - (c) Chronic knee pain;
 - (d) Chronic wrist pain;
 - (e) Chronic elbow pain;
 - (f) Chronic hip pain.
- (5) **On September 6, 2010, SSA approved claimant for RSDI benefits with a disability onset date of August 2, 2007.**

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

LEGAL BASE

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).

On September 6, 2010, SSA approved claimant for RSDI benefits with a disability onset date of August 2, 2007. Therefore, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge does not have jurisdiction to rule on the issue of disability at this time.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that claimant meets the MA-P disability requirements under PEM/BEM 260. Claimant is disabled for MA-P purposes based on SSA's recent RSDI approval.

Accordingly, the department's denial of claimant's MA-P application is, hereby, REVERSED.

The department shall open claimant's MA-P case, assuming all non-medical requirements are met, effective February 2009.

SO ORDERED.

/S/ _____
Jay W. Sexton
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: October 13, 2010

Date Mailed: October 13, 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.

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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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