

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.: 2010-15164

Issue No.: 2009/4031

Case No.: [REDACTED]

Load No.: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

March 22, 2010

Wayne County DHS (18)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Colleen M. Mamelka

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 hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was conducted from Detroit, Michigan on Monday, March 22, 2010. The Claimant appeared and testified. [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department.

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly denied the Claimant's October 30, 2009 Medical Assistance ("MA-P") and State Disability Assistance ("SDA") application?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. The Claimant submitted an application with the Social Security Administration ("SSA") for Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") benefits on October 13, 2009.
2. The Claimant submitted a public assistance application on October 30, 2009 seeking MA-P and SDA benefits.

3. On December 4, 2009, the SSA determined the Claimant was “not disabled. (Exhibit 4)
4. The Claimant failed to appeal the SSA’s determination.
5. On December 8, 2009, the Medical Review Team (“MRT”) found the Claimant not disabled. (Exhibit 1, pp. 2, 3)
6. On December 21, 2009, the Department received the Claimant’s written request for hearing protesting the MRT determination. (Exhibit 3)
7. On January 18, 2010, the State Hearing Review Team (“SHRT”) found the Claimant not disabled.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance (“MA”) program is established by Subchapter XIX of Chapter 7 of The Public Health & Welfare Act. 42 USC 1397 and is administered by the Department of Human Services pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et. seq.* The Department of Human Services (“DHS”), formerly known as the Family Independence Agency, administers the program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq* and MAC R 400.3001-3015. Departmental policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (“BAM”), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (“BEM”), and the Bridges Program Glossary (“BPG”).

The disability standard for both disability related MA and SSI is the same. BEM 271 When the SSA determines that a client is not disabled/blind for SSI purposes, the client may appeal that determination at SSA. BEM 260 The SSA Appeals Process consists of three steps:

1. Reconsideration (if initial application filed prior to October 1, 1999)
2. Hearing
3. Appeals Council

BEM 260 The client has 60 days from the date he receives a denial notice to appeal a SSA action. BEM 260; BEM 271 A SSA determination becomes final when no further appeals may

be made at SSA. BEM 260 Once a SSA's determination that a disability or blindness does not exist becomes final, the MA case must be closed. BEM 260, BEM 271

In the record presented, the SSA found the Claimant not disabled on December 4, 2009. The SSA determination was for the same time period at issue for the MA-P application. The Claimant was not asserting a "new" medical condition. The SSA decision was not appealed thus became final and binding on the Claimant's MA case.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law dismisses the Claimant's Request for Hearing based upon the final decision from the SSA

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

The Claimant's Request for Hearing is DISMISSED.

Colleen M. Mamelka

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Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 4/2/2010

Date Mailed: 4/2/2010

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 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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