

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: 2010-23446
Issue No: 2009, 4031
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
April 6, 2010
Allegan County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Ivona Rairigh

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, a telephone hearing was held on April 6, 2010. Claimant personally appeared and testified. Claimant was represented by [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the department properly deny claimant's November 20, 2009 Medicaid (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) application, 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. Claimant applied for MA and SDA on November 20, 2009.
2. On December 21, 2009 department's Medical Review Team determined that the claimant was not disabled for MA and SDA eligibility purposes.

3. On December 28, 2009 department sent the claimant an Application Eligibility Notice denying her MA and SDA application.

4. Claimant requested a hearing on February 19, 2010.

5. On March 10, 2010 department's State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) also determined that the claimant was not disabled.

6. Claimant presented additional medical information following the hearing. This information was forwarded to SHRT for additional review.

7. On July 19, 2010 SHRT advised that the claimant has been approved for Social Security disability benefits with a November 5, 2007 disability onset. SHRT therefore approved claimant's MA application retroactive to July, 2009 and also approved SDA, with a medical review date to be August, 2011.

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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

In Michigan, the SSA's determination of disability onset is established for MA and SDA eligibility purposes. In the present case, evidence of the favorable SSA decision established that the claimant met the federal disability standard necessary to qualify for MA and SDA pursuant to PEM 260 and 261.

The SSA determined claimant has been disabled since November 5, 2007. Consequently, the department must reverse its MA and SDA denial, and process claimant's disputed application in accordance with department policy.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

Accordingly, department's action is REVERSED. Department shall:

1. Process claimant's disputed MA, retroactive MA and SDA application and issue her any benefits she was entitled to but did not receive, based on November 20, 2009 application date, if she is otherwise eligible to receive them (i.e. meets all of the other required eligibility criteria).
2. Notify the claimant of this determination in writing.
3. Complete a medical review of claimant's benefits in August, 2011, at which time medical records for the last 12 months are to be requested.

SO ORDERED.

/s/ _____
Ivona Rairigh
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 28, 2010

Date Mailed: July 29, 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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