

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg No. 201023449
Issue No. 2009
Case No. [REDACTED]
Load No. [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: April 22, 2010
Kalamazoo 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 March 1, 2010 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 Thursday, April 22, 2010. The claimant personally appeared and testified with his authorized representative, [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 a material fact:

1. On December 30, 2009, the claimant applied for MA-P with retroactive MA-P to September 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 October 4, 2010.

The claimant is 53 years old and alleges disability due to heart problems, epilepsy, shortness of breath, and seizures. He has a high school education and a history of unskilled work.

The Disability Determination Service approved this claimant for benefits in March 2010. At this point, it is not clear whether the claimant has been put into payment status or not. However, it is anticipated that he will be placed in payment status. Therefore, MA-P and retroactive MA-P is approved effective September 2009. At the medical review October 2011 please check to see if the claimant is in current payment status or not. If the claimant is in current payment status at the medical review, no further action will be necessary. However, if the claimant is not in current payment status at the medical review, please obtain updated application forms (DHS-49 forms) and obtain updated medical records.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Social Security Administration determined that the claimant met the disability criteria for the SSI or RSDI program effective [REDACTED]

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the 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 (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) 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 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.

Because of the Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability. PEM, Item 260; PEM, Item 261.

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 MA-P retroactive to July 2008.

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 the Medical Assistance program retroactive to July 2008.

Accordingly, the department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the December 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.

Accordingly, if it has not already done so, the department is ORDERED to open an ongoing Medical Assistance case for the claimant effective the month of the SSI entitlement.

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

Date Signed: October 8, 2010

Date Mailed: October 8, 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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