

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.: 2010-26842

Issue No.: 2000, 4000

Case No.: [REDACTED]

Load No.: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

July 1, 2010

Wayne County DHS (57)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Linda Steadley Schwarb

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 hearing was held on July 1, 2010. Claimant appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the claimant file a timely hearing request to protest the denial of her application for Medical Assistance (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) program benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1) On June 1, 2009, claimant filed an application for MA and SDA benefits.
- 2) On November 3, 2009, the department denied claimant's application for benefits based upon the belief that claimant did not meet the requisite disability criteria.
(Department Exhibit #1.)

- 3) On March 12, 2010, a hearing request was filed to protest the department's determination.

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).

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 Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

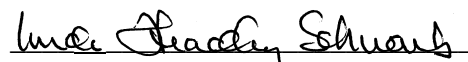
The regulations governing the hearing and appeals process for applicants and recipients of public assistance in Michigan are found in Michigan Administrative Code (MAC R 400.901-400.951). Any hearing request that protests a denial, reduction, or termination of benefits must be filed within 90 days of the mailing of the negative action notice. MAC R 400.902-400.904. In this case, the department notified claimant in writing on November 3, 2009, that her application for MA-P and SDA benefits had been denied. Claimant did not file a request for hearing to protest the department's determination until March 12, 2010. Claimant did not file her request for hearing within 90 days of the mailing of the department's negative action notice. Thus, claimant's hearing request of March 12, 2010, was untimely. Accordingly, claimant's

hearing request must be dismissed. The undersigned Administrative Law Judge has no authority to conduct a hearing because claimant's request for hearing was untimely.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that claimant did not file a timely hearing request to protest the department's denial of claimant's June 1, 2009, application for Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance benefits.

Accordingly, claimant's request for hearing must be dismissed as untimely.


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

Date Signed: July 15, 2010

Date Mailed: July 16, 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.

LSS/pf

cc:

