

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg No. 201041954  
Issue No. 2009; 4031  
Case No. [REDACTED]  
Load No. [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: October 6, 2010  
Midland 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 16.4037 upon claimant's June 28, 2010 request for a hearing to protest the department's denial of the claimant's Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. The claimant personally appeared and testified on her own behalf with her sister-in-law, [REDACTED] as a witness.

**ISSUE**

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability 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 March 3, 2010, claimant applied for MA-P and SDA without filing an application for retroactive MA-P.
2. Subsequent to the hearing, the Social Security Administration determined that the claimant met the disability criteria for the RSDI and SSI program with a disability onset date of [REDACTED]

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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 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 Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability. PEM, Item 260; PAM, 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 December 1997 and SDA based on the claimant's March 3, 2010 application.

### **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 December 1997 and SDA based on the claimant's March 3, 2010 application.

Accordingly, the department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the March 3, 2010 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 Maura D. Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: January 31, 2011

Date Mailed: January 31, 2011

**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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