

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 2010-43292
Issue No.: 2009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: August 26, 2010
DHS County: Oakland (63-03)

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 the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a hearing was held in Walled Lake, Michigan, on Thursday, August 26, 2010. The Claimant appeared and testified. The Claimant was represented by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department of Human Services ("Services").

During the hearing, the Claimant waived the time period for the issuance of this decision in order to allow for the submission of additional medical evidence. Subsequently, the Social Security Administration ("SSA") found the Claimant disabled with a disability onset date of January 1, 2009.

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly found the Claimant not disabled for purposes of the Medical Assistance ("MA-P") benefit program?

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 for public assistance seeking MA-P benefits on February 4, 2010.
2. On March 23, 2010, the Medical Review Team ("MRT") found the Claimant not disabled. (Exhibit 1, pp. 3, 4)

3. On March 26, 2010, the Department notified the Claimant of the MRT determination. (Exhibit 1, pp. 1, 2)
4. On June 23, 2010, the Department received the Claimant's timely written request for hearing. (Exhibit 2)
5. On July 27, 2010, the State Hearing Review Team ("SHRT") found the Claimant not disabled. (Exhibit 3)
6. On June 10, 2011, the SSA found the Claimant disabled with a disability onset date of January 1, 2009.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance program is established by Subchapter XIX of Chapter 7 of The Public Health & Welfare Act, 42 USC 1397, and is administered by the Department, formerly known as the Family Independence Agency, 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 Bridges Reference Manual ("RFT").

A previously denied MA application is treated as a pending application when MRT determines the Claimant was not disabled and, subsequently, the SSA determines that the Claimant is entitled to SSI based on his disability/blindness for some, or all, of the time covered by the denied MA application. BEM 260. All eligibility factors must be met for each month MA is authorized. BEM 260.


In this case, the SSA approved the Claimant for SSI benefits with the disability onset date of January 1, 2009. Ultimately, because of the favorable Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability pursuant to BEM 260.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the Claimant meets the definition of medically disabled under the MA-P benefit program.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

1. The Department shall open (if not previously done so) an ongoing MA-P case for the Claimant based on the February 4, 2010, application provided all non-medical criteria are met in accordance with Department policy.
2. The Department shall supplement for any lost benefits (if any) that the Claimant was entitled to receive if otherwise eligible and qualified.



Colleen M. Mamelka
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: June 27, 2011

Date Mailed: June 30, 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.

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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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