

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: 2010-765
Issue No: 2009
Case No: [REDACTED]
Load No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
November 10, 2009
Saginaw County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Janice Spodarek

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 request for a hearing to protest the denial of claimant's application for MA-P. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held on November 10, 2009. Claimant was represented at the administrative hearing by [REDACTED] with [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for MA-P?

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 March 5, 2009, claimant applied for MA-P with the Michigan DHS.
- (2) Claimant applied for one month of retro MA.
- (3) On May 15, 2009, MRT denied.

(4) On May 21, 2009, the department issued notice.

(5) On June 23, 2009, claimant filed a hearing request.

(6) On October 13, 2009, SHRT denied claimant.

(7) 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), and on May 14, 2010, SHRT once again denied claimant due to insufficient information.

(8) On May 18, 2010, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge issued a Interim Order Leaving Record Open for Insufficient Information. Pursuant to the Order, claimant's representative contacted SOARHR and indicated that claimant had been approved for Social Security benefits. The SOLQ shows a disability onset date of March 6, 2008.

(9) There are no months left for review herein.

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).

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 required by DHS policy and procedure.

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 as of the March 5, 2009 application date, including any retro MA months if otherwise eligible, and as permitted under policy and procedure.

The department shall review this case in accordance with its usual policy and procedure.

/s/ _____
Janice Spodarek
Administrative Law Judge
for Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: June 8, 2010

Date Mailed: June 9, 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 receipt 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.

JS/tg

cc:

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the names and contact information of the individuals listed in the 'cc:' field.