

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.: 2010-9121
Issue No.: 2009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date:
March 31, 2010
Oakland County DHS (03)

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 to protest the denial of his application for Medical Assistance (MA-P) and retroactive Medical Assistance. After due notice, a hearing was held on March 31, 2010. Claimant was represented by [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance and retroactive Medical Assistance program?

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 April 17, 2009, claimant's authorized representative (A.R.) filed an application on claimant's behalf seeking MA-P benefits. The application requested MA-P retroactive to January of 2009.

- 2) On May 19, 2009, the department notified claimant of its denial of the April 17, 2009, application based upon the belief that claimant did not meet the requisite disability criteria. Notice of the denial was not sent to claimant's A.R.
- 3) On October 16, 2009, claimant's A.R. filed a hearing request to protest the department's denial of benefits.
- 4) Prior to the hearing, the Social Security Administration approved Retirement, Survivor's and Disability Insurance for Claimant with a disability onset date of June 28, 2007.
- 5) At the hearing, based upon the Social Security Administration award, the department agreed to initiate reconsideration of claimant's April 17, 2009, application for MA-P benefits.

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).

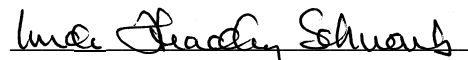
Because of the Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability. PEM, Item 260.

The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that claimant meets the definition of medically disabled under the Medical Assistance program as of January of 2009.

Accordingly, the department is ordered to initiate a review of the April 17, 2009, application, if it has not already done so, to determine if all other non-medical eligibility criteria are met. The department shall inform claimant and his authorized representative of its determination in writing.


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

Date Signed: April 6, 2010

Date Mailed: April 6, 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.

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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to the Circuit 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.

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