

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2011-10585  
Issue No.: 2009; 4031  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: March 15, 2011  
Kalamazoo 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 16.437 upon claimant's June 21, 2010 request for a hearing to protest the department's denial of Medical Assistance(MA-P), retroactive MA-P, State Disability Assistance (SDA). After due notice, an in-person hearing was held Tuesday, March 15, 2011. The claimant personally appeared and testified on his own behalf with his authorized representative, [REDACTED] and fiance', [REDACTED], as a witness.

**ISSUE**

Whether the claimant meets the disability criteria for MA-P, SDA. and retroactive MA-P?

**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 August 6, 2009, the claimant applied for MA-P and SDA with retroactive MA-P to May 2009.
2. 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). SHRT approved claimant's claim of disability on December 14, 2011.

The claimant is alleges disability due to arthritis, vision problems, shortness of breath, hypertension, liver disease, seizures, chronic pain, and Bell's Palsy. He is 50 years old

and has a high school education with a history of light, semi skilled work.

The medical evidence of record indicates that the claimant retains the capacity to perform a wide range of sedentary work. However, based on the claimant's vocational profile, MA-P is approved using Vocational Rule 201.14 as a guide. Retroactive MA-P was considered in this case and is also approved effective May 2010. SDA is approved in accordance with PEM 261. Medical review is required in December 2012.

3. Based on the objective medical evidence on the record, the Administrative Law Judge approves retroactive MA-P to May 2009.

### **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 SHRT determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability, per Program Administrative Manual, Item 600.

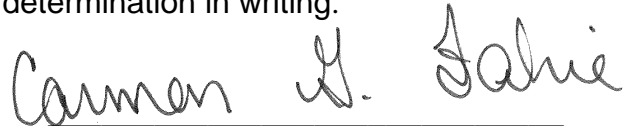
The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done. The claimant is eligible for MA-P retroactive to March 2009 and SDA based on the claimant's August 6, 2009 application.

### **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 March 2009 and SDA based on the claimant's August 6, 2009 application.

Accordingly, the department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the August 6, 2009 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.



Carmen G. Fahie  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura D. Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: January 9, 2012

Date Mailed: January 9, 2012

**NOTICE:** Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) 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. MAHS 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. (60 days for FAP cases).

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.

Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

- A rehearing **MAY** be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
- A reconsideration **MAY** be granted for any of the following reasons:
  - misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision,
  - typographical errors, mathematical error, or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that effect the substantial rights of the claimant:
  - the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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Michigan Administrative hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P. O. Box 30639  
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