

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg No.: 2011-32061  
Issue No.: 2009, 4031  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: October 12, 2011  
Wayne County DHS (55)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Colleen M. Mamelka

**AMENDED 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 Hamtramck, Michigan on Wednesday, October 12, 2011. The Claimant appeared and testified. The Claimant was represented by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department of Human Services ("Department").

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 records. The evidence was received, reviewed, and forwarded to the State Hearing Review Team ("SHRT") for consideration. On February 27, 2012, this office received the SHRT determination which found the Claimant not disabled. Subsequently, the Social Security Administration found the Claimant disabled with a disability onset date of January 2010. This matter is now before the undersigned for a final decision.

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly determined that the Claimant was not disabled for purposes of the Medical Assistance ("MA-P") and State Disability Assistance ("SDA") benefit programs?

**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 and SDA benefits on January 21, 2011. (Exhibit 1, pp. 109 – 128)
2. On March 10, 2011, the Medical Review Team (“MRT”) found the Claimant not disabled. (Exhibit 1, pp. 8, 9)
3. On March 28, 2011, the Department notified the Claimant of the MRT determination. (Exhibit 1, pp. 5 – 7)
4. On April 26, 2011, the Department received the Claimant’s written request for hearing. (Exhibit 3)
5. On May 20, 2011 and February 16, 2012, the SHRT found the Claimant not disabled. (Exhibit 2)
6. The Claimant alleged physical disabling impairments due to left shoulder pain, abdominal pain, and headaches.
7. The Claimant alleged mental disabling impairments due to paranoia, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.
8. At the time of hearing, the Claimant was [REDACTED] years old with an [REDACTED] birth date; was 5’5 in height; and weighed 200 pounds.
9. The Claimant has a limited education with an employment history over the last 15 years as a food server, dietary aid/cook, and at a fast food restaurant.
10. On February 22, 2012, the SSA found the Claimant disabled with a disability onset date of January 2010.

### **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 of Human Services, 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 Tables (“RFT”).

A previously denied MA application is treated as a pending application when MRT determined 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 social security benefits with the disability onset date of January 2010. Based on the favorable SSA determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability pursuant to BEM 260.

The State Disability Assistance program, which provides financial assistance for disabled persons, was established by 2004 PA 344. The Department administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 *et seq.* and Mich Admin Code, Rules 400.3151 – 400.3180. Department policies are found in BAM, BEM, and RFT. A person is considered disabled for SDA purposes if the person has a physical or mental impairment which meets federal SSI disability standards for at least ninety days. Receipt of SSI or RSDI benefits based on disability or blindness, or the receipt of MA benefits based on disability or blindness automatically qualifies an individual as disabled for purposes of the SDA program.

In this case, the Claimant is found disabled for purposes of the MA-P program; therefore, she is found disabled for purposes of SDA benefit program.

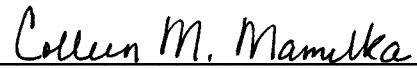
### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

1. The Department's determination that the Claimant was not disabled is REVERSED.
2. The Department shall initiate processing of (if not previously done so) the January 21, 2011 application, to include any applicable retroactive months, to determine if all other non-medical criteria are met and inform the Claimant and her Authorized Hearing Representative of the determination in accordance with department policy.

3. The Department shall supplement for lost benefits (if any) that the Claimant was entitled to receive if otherwise eligible and qualified with respect to the January 21, 2011 application.



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

Date Signed: March 22, 2012

Date Mailed: March 22, 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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