

STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg No.: 2011-49461
Issue No.: 2009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: December 7, 2011
St. Clair County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Colleen M. Mamelka

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge upon the Claimant's request for a hearing made pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws 400.9 and 400.37, which govern the administrative hearing and appeal process. After due notice, a hearing was held in Port Huron, Michigan on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. The Claimant appeared, along with [REDACTED], and testified. The Claimant was represented by [REDACTED] Participating on behalf of the Department of Human Services ("Department") was [REDACTED]

During the hearing, the Claimant waived the time frame for the issuance of this decision, in order to allow for the submission of additional medical evidence. Subsequently, the Social Security Administration ("SSA") issued a fully favorable determination with a disability onset date of September 2010.

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly determined that the Claimant was 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 25, 2011.

2. On May 23, 2011, the Medical Review Team (“MRT”) found the Claimant not disabled. (Exhibit 1, pp. 5, 6)
3. The Department notified the Claimant of the MRT determination.
4. On July 29, 2011, the Department received the Claimant’s timely written request for hearing. (Exhibit 2)
5. On October 5, 2011, the State Hearing Review Team (“SHRT”) found the Claimant not disabled. (Exhibit 4)
6. On March 12, 2012, the SSA found the Claimant disabled with a disability onset date of September 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 September 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.

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 February 25, 2011 application, to include all 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 February 25, 2011 application.



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

Date Signed: March 21, 2012

Date Mailed: March 21, 2012

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- A rehearing **MAY** be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
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 - 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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