

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg No. 2011-10820
Issue No. 2009
Case No. [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 30, 2011
Lapeer 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 November 16, 2010 request for a hearing to protest the department's denial of the claimant's Medical Assistance. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. The claimant personally appeared and testified with her authorized representative, [REDACTED]

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance (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 January 20, 2010, claimant applied for MA-P without filing an application for retroactive MA-P.
2. Subsequent to the hearing, the Social Security Administration determined that the claimant met the disability criteria for the RSDI program with a disability onset date of December 6, 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 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 not previously done. The claimant is eligible for MA-P retroactive to December 2009 if the claimant had a valid MA application during that time period.

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 December 2009 if the claimant had a valid MA application during that time period.

Accordingly, the department is **ORDERED** to initiate a review of the January 20, 2010 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: 01/13/12

Date Mailed: 01/17/12

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 mailing 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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