

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

Issue

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Hearing
April

Wayne

Reg No: 2011-11307

No: 2009,4031

Case No: [REDACTED]

Date:

13, 2011

County DHS-43

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Aaron McClintic

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 telephone hearing was held on April 13, 2011. The Claimant appeared and testified. Ms. [REDACTED] Medical Contact Worker appeared on behalf of the Department.

ISSUE

Was the Department correct in denying Claimant's MA-P and SDA applications?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. Claimant applied for MA-P on July 16, 2010.
2. The Medical Review Team denied the application on November 18, 2010.
3. Claimant filed a request for hearing on December 15, 2010 regarding the MA and SDA denials.
4. A hearing was held on April 13, 2011.
5. On January 19, 2011 the State Hearing Review Team denied the application because the Claimant retains the capacity to perform a wide range of medium work.

6. Claimant is 5'6" tall and weighs 193 pounds.
7. Claimant is 42 years of age.
8. Claimant's impairments have been medically diagnosed as effects of stroke, knee pain,
9. Claimant has the following symptoms: pain and fatigue.
10. Claimant completed the 9th grade.
11. Claimant is able to read, write, and perform basic math skills.
12. Claimant is not currently working.
13. Claimant last worked in 2008.
14. Claimant lives with her cousin.
15. Claimant testified that he cannot perform some household chores.
16. The Claimant's limitations have lasted for 12 months or more.
17. Claimant was found to be disabled by the Social Security Administration as of September 2009 pursuant to an notice of award dated June 3, 2011.
18. New medical evidence was gathered and it was forward to the State Hearing Review Team on June 21, 2011.
19. The State Hearing Review Team approved Claimant for MA-P and SDA on June 28, 2011.

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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

Department policy at BEM 260 states that if a claimant has been found eligible for either SSI or RSDI based upon a finding of disability, the person meets the Department's MA disability criteria. No other evidence is required to establish

disability. In the present case, the claimant was found by the Social Security Administration to be eligible for RS-DI benefits based upon disability, and has presented prima facie evidence of the same. This disability was found by the Social Security Administration to have an onset date of September 30, 2009, prior to Claimant requesting MA-P and SDA. Therefore, the Administrative Law Judge finds that the Claimant met the Department's definition of disabled for the purposes of MA-P and SDA.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Claimant is medically disabled for the purposes of the MA and SDA programs, pending a review of all non-medical eligibility factors.

Accordingly, the Department's decision in the above stated matter is, hereby, REVERSED.

The Department is ORDERED to process Claimant's Medicaid and SDA applications of July 16, 2010, and initiate a review of all non-medical eligibility factors, if it has not already done so.

The Department is further ORDERED to initiate a full review of this case in June 2012.

Aaron
Administrative
for
Department



McClintic
Law Judge
Maura Corrigan, Director
of Human Services

Date Signed: July 11, 2011

Date Mailed: July 11, 2011

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 60 days of the filing of the original request.

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

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