

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No: 2011-1509  
Issue No: 2009/4031  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: January 25, 2011  
County: Wayne DHS-19

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Landis Y. Lain

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on January 25, 2011. Claimant personally appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services (the department) properly deny claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability Assistance (SDA)?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

- (1) On March 31, 2010, claimant filed an application for Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance benefits alleging disability.
- (2) On July 23, 2010, the Medical Review Team denied claimant's application stating that claimant could perform other work.
- (3) On July 28, 2010, the department caseworker sent claimant notice that his application was denied.

- (4) On August 13, 2010, claimant filed a request for a hearing to contest the department's negative action.
- (5) On October 26, 2010, the State Hearing Review Team again denied claimant's application stating that they had insufficient evidence and requested a complete Physical Examination by a licensed Physician.
- (6) The hearing was held on January 25, 2011. At the hearing, claimant waived the time periods and requested to submit additional medical information.
- (7) On January 13, 2012, a Bridges SOLQ from the Social Security Administration indicates that on June 15, 2011, the Social Security Administration gave claimant a fully favorable decision and found claimant to be eligible for RSDI with a disability onset date of May 20, 2009.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The regulations governing the hearing and appeal process for applicants and recipients of public assistance in Michigan are found in the Michigan Administrative Code, MAC R 400.901-400.951. An opportunity for a hearing shall be granted to an applicant who requests a hearing because his or her claim for assistance has been denied. MAC R 400.903(1). Clients have the right to contest a department decision affecting eligibility or benefit levels whenever it is believed that the decision is incorrect. The department will provide an administrative hearing to review the decision and determine the appropriateness of that decision. BAM 600.

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 (BAM), the Program 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 2B, Item 260. The departments required to initiate a determination of the claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits if not previously done.

### **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 and State Disability Assistance Program as of the March 31, 2010 application date.

Accordingly, the department's decision is REVERSED. The department is ORDERED to initiate a review of the March 31, 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.

/s/

Landis Y. Lain  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 1/18/12

Date Mailed: 1/18/12

**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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