

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: 201121519

Issue No: 4031

Hearing Date: May 12, 2011

Kent County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Janice G. Spodarek

**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 May 12, 2011.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services (DHS) properly deny claimant's State Disability Assistance (SDA) application?

**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 February 4, 2011, claimant applied SDA with the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS).
2. Claimant did not indicate that he had any disability on the application.
3. On February 9, 2011, the DHS denied on the grounds that there was no disability claim, and no minor children in the household.
4. On February 15, 2011, claimant filed a hearing request.

**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 Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

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).

Statutory authority for the SDA program states in part:

- (b) A person with a physical or mental impairment which meets federal SSI disability standards, except that the minimum duration of the disability shall be 90 days. Substance abuse alone is not defined as a basis for eligibility.

Applicable policy and procedure to the case herein is found in BAM Items 105, 110, 115, 600, 815; BEM Items 260 and 261.

In this case, policy requires the department to process applications for which individuals apply. Under the above-cited authority, the department is to process any application where an individual asks for welfare assistance with the Michigan DHS.

In this case, claimant did not indicate any medical disability which would trigger an MA and/or SDA eligibility. As such claimant also did not list any minor children in the household which potentially could mean that claimant was eligible for MA. As there is no disability claim or other eligibility criteria listed on the application, there was no potential eligibility under any of the Michigan DHS programs and thus, the department correctly denied claimant's February 4, 2011 application.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the department's actions were correct.

Accordingly, the department's determination in this matter is UPHELD.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice G. Spodarek  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: May 23, 2011

Date Mailed: May 23, 2011

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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 mailing date of the rehearing decision.

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