

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No: 20112774

Issue No: 2009

Case No: [REDACTED]

Load No: [REDACTED]

Hearing Date:

February 7, 2011

Oakland County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Robert J. Chavez

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 hearing was held on February 7, 2011.

ISSUE

Was the denial of claimant's application for SDA, MA-P and retroactive MA-P for lack of disability correct?

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 SDA, MA-P, and retroactive MA-P on June 18, 2010.
- (2) On August 10, 2010, the Medical Review Team denied SDA, MA-P, and retroactive MA-P.
- (3) On September 8, 2010, claimant filed for hearing.
- (4) On November 1, 2010, the State Hearing Review Team denied SDA, MA-P, and retroactive MA-P.

- (5) On February 7, 2011, a hearing was held before the Administrative Law Judge.
- (6) The Social Security Administration issued a decision in claimant's case, finding disability for the purpose of securing SSI income.
- (7) The Social Security Administration gave claimant a disability onset date of March 1, 2008.

### 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).

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 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 disability 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 March 1, 2008, which is an onset date prior to the claimant's MA-P request. Therefore, the Administrative Law Judge finds that the claimant met the Department's definition of disabled for the purposes of MA-P and SDA programs.

#### 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 SDA and MA program, 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 SDA and Medicaid application of June 18, 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 February 2012.



Robert Chavez  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 02/15/11

Date Mailed: 02/16/11

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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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