

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2011-369  
Issue No.: 2009  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: February 16, 2011  
DHS County: Macomb (50-20)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Jonathan W. Owens

**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 16, 2011. Claimant appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department of Human Services (DHS or Department) properly determined that Claimant is not "disabled" for purposes of the Medical Assistance (MA-P) program?

**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 April 28, 2010, Claimant applied for MA-P and retro MA-P to March 2010.
2. On June 3, 2010, the Medical Review Team denied Claimant's request.
3. On September 1, 2010, Claimant submitted to the Department a request for hearing.
4. The State Hearing and Review Team (SHRT) denied Claimant's request.
5. Claimant is 54 years old.
6. Claimant completed education through the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
7. Claimant has employment experience in unskilled work.

8. Claimant's limitations have lasted for 12 months or more.
9. Claimant suffers from gastrointestinal bleeding, knee, shoulder and back pain.
10. Claimant has significant limitations on physical activities involving sitting, standing, walking, bending, lifting, and stooping.
11. On February 9, 2011, the Social Security Administration found that Claimant met the requirements for disability effective March 25, 2010.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

MA-P 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 administers MA-P 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, per BEM, Item 260.

The Department is required to initiate a determination of the Claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done, beginning March 2010.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that Claimant is medically disabled under the MA program as of March 2010.

Accordingly, the Department decision is hereby REVERSED and the Department is ORDERED to process an ongoing MA case for the Claimant effective March 2010.

  
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Jonathan W. Owens  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: February 28, 2011

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Date Mailed: March 1, 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 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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