

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 2011-3838
Issue No.: 2009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: April 14, 2011
DHS County: Macomb (50-20)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Colleen M. Mamelka

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 hearing was held in Warren, Michigan, on Thursday, April 14, 2011. The Claimant appeared, along with her Authorized Representative, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department of Human Services ("Department").

Just prior to the hearing, the Department submitted proof a fully favorable Social Security Administration ("SSA") approval with a disability onset date of May 1, 2008.

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly determined that the Claimant was not disabled for purposes of the Medical Assistance ("MA-P") benefit 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. The Claimant submitted an application for public assistance seeking MA-P benefits on June 28, 2010.
2. On July 20, 2010, the Medical Review Team ("MRT") found the Claimant not disabled for purposes of the MA-P benefit program.
3. The Department notified the Claimant of the MRT decision.

4. On October 15, 2010, the Department received the Claimant's timely written request for hearing.
5. On November 30, 2010, the State Hearing Review Team ("SHRT") found the Claimant not disabled.
6. Subsequently, SSA approved the Claimant for SSI benefits with a disability onset date of May 2008.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance ("MA") program is established by Subchapter XIX of Chapter 7 of The Public Health & Welfare Act, 42 USC 1397, and is administered by the Department, formerly known as the Family Independence Agency, 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").

A previously denied MA application is treated as a pending application when MRT determines the Claimant was not disabled and, subsequently, SSA determines that the Claimant is entitled to SSI based on his disability/blindness for some, or all, of the time covered by the denied MA application. BEM 260. All eligibility factors must be met for each month MA is authorized. BEM 260.

In this case, SSA approved the Claimant for Social Security benefits with the disability onset date of May 2008. Accordingly, because of the favorable SSA determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability pursuant to BEM 260.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the Claimant meets the definition of medically disabled under the MA-P benefit program.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

1. The Department shall open (if not previously done so) an ongoing Medical Assistance case for the Claimant based on the June 28, 2010, application in accordance with Department policy.

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2. The Department shall supplement for any lost benefits that the Claimant was entitled to receive if otherwise eligible and qualified in accordance with Department policy.

Colleen M. Mamelka

Colleen M. Mamelka
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 20, 2011

Date Mailed: April 21, 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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