

**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. 2011-4863  
Issue No. 2009; 4031  
Case No. ██████████  
Hearing Date: January 18, 2011  
Berrien County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Carmen G. Fahie

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400. 9; MSA 16.409 and MCL 400. 37; MSA 16.437 upon claimant's November 5, 2010 request for a hearing to protest the department's denial of the claimant's Medical Assistance (MA-P), and Retroactive MA-P, and State Disability Assistance. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. The claimant personally appeared and testified with her mother, ██████, and friend, ██████.

**ISSUE**

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance (MA-P), Retroactive 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 a material fact:

1. On August 26, 2010, claimant applied for MA-P and SDA with retroactive MA-P to May 2010.
2. Subsequent to the hearing, the Social Security Administration determined that the claimant met the disability criteria for the SSI program with a disability onset date of August 2010.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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).

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the 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 (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) 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 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 260; PEM, Item 261.

The claimant is eligible for MA-P retroactive to May 2010 and SDA based on the claimant's August 26, 2010 application.

### **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 program retroactive May 2010 and SDA based on the claimant's August 26, 2010 application.

Accordingly, if it has not already done so, the department is **ORDERED** to open an ongoing MA case for the claimant effective the month of SSI entitlement.



Carmen G. Fahie  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura D. Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 01/13/12

Date Mailed: 01/17/12

**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.

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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 receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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