

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2011-50214  
Issue No.: 2009  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: December 1, 2011  
Oakland County DHS (03)

**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 telephone hearing was held in Walled Lake, Michigan on Thursday, December 1, 2011. The Claimant appeared and testified. The Claimant was represented by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department of Human Services ("Department").

During the hearing, the Claimant presented a fully favorable Social Security Administration ("SSA") determination with a disability onset date of March 26, 2010.

**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 April 7, 2011, retroactive to January 2011.
2. On May 12, 2011, the Medical Review Team ("MRT") found the Claimant not disabled.

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3. The Department notified the Claimant of the MRT decision.
4. On July 8, 2011, the Department received the Claimant's timely written request for hearing.
5. On August 18, 2011, the State Hearing Review Team ("SHRT") found the Claimant not disabled.
6. On October 31, 2011, the SSA approved the Claimant for SSI benefits.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Medical Assistance program is established by Subchapter XIX of Chapter 7 of The Public Health & Welfare Act, 42 USC 1397, and is administered by the Department of Human Services, 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 Tables ("RFT").

A previously denied MA application is treated as a pending application when MRT determines the Claimant was not disabled and subsequently, the Social Security Administration 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, the SSA approved the Claimant for social security benefits with the disability onset date of March 26, 2010. 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 April 7, 2011 application in accordance with Department policy.

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*

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

Date Signed: December 8, 2011

Date Mailed: December 8, 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.

Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

- A rehearing **MAY** be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
- A reconsideration **MAY** be granted for any of the following reasons:
  - misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision,
  - typographical errors, mathematical error, or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that effect the substantial rights of the claimant:
  - the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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