

**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: 201219225  
Issue No: 2009, 4031  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: March 6, 2012  
Oakland County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Kevin Scully

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge by authority of MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon Claimant's request for a hearing. Claimant's request for a hearing was received on December 7, 2011. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. During the hearing, Claimant waived the time period for the issuance of this decision in order to allow for the submission of additional medical evidence. The Claimant personally appeared and provided testimony.

**ISSUE**

Whether the Claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance (MA) 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 as material fact:

1. On September 7, 2011, the Claimant submitted an application for Medical Assistance (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) benefits alleging disability.
2. On September 20, 2011, the Medical Review Team (MRT) determined that the Claimant did not meet the disability standard for Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) because it determined that he is capable of performing past relevant work.
3. On September 22, 2011, the Department sent the Claimant notice that it had denied the application for assistance.
4. On December 7, 2011, the Department received the Claimant's hearing request, protesting the denial of disability benefits.

5. On January 27, 2012, the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) upheld the Medical Review Team's (MRT) denial of MA-P and SDA benefits.
6. The Claimant applied for federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits at the Social Security Administration (SSA).
7. The Social Security Administration (SSA) denied the Claimant's federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) application and the Claimant reported that a SSI appeal is pending.
8. According to a Bridges SOLQ Report, the SSA approved Claimant for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits with a disability onset date of June 1, 2010.

### **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 Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

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 (BAM), the Program 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. BEM 260.

Ongoing MA eligibility begins the first day of the month of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) entitlement. BEM 150.

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

### **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 and the State Disability Assistance Program as of the September 7, 2011, application date.

Accordingly, the Department is **ORDERED** to initiate a review of the September 7, 2011, application if it is not already done so, to determine if all other non-medical eligibility criteria are met. The Department shall inform the Claimant of the determination in writing.

Accordingly, if it has not already done so, the Department is **ORDERED** to open an ongoing Medical Assistance case for the Claimant effective the month of the SSI entitlement.

A medical review should be scheduled for May 1, 2013. The Department should check to see if Claimant is in current payment status or not. If the Claimant is in current payment status at the medical review no further action will be necessary. However, if the Claimant is not in current payment status at the medical review, the Department is to obtain updated application forms (DHS49) and obtain updated medical records. It is **ORDERED** that the Department shall review this case in one year from the date of this Decision and Order.

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Kevin Scully  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: May 14, 2012

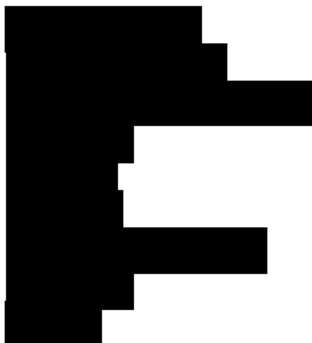
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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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