

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2012-21967
Issue Nos.: 2009, 4031
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 14, 2012
County: Wayne (82-17)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Robert J. Chavez

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 telephone hearing was held on March 14, 2011. Claimant was represented by [REDACTED], who also acted as an interpreter.

ISSUE

Was the denial of claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) program benefits for lack of disability correct?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. Claimant applied for MA-P and SDA on March 29, 2011.
2. On October 3, 2011, the Medical Review Team denied MA-P and SDA.
3. On October 5, 2011, claimant was sent a notice of case action.
4. On December 16, 2011, claimant filed for hearing.
5. On February 13, 2012, the State Hearing Review Team denied MA-P.
6. On March 14, 2012, a hearing was held before the Administrative Law Judge.

7. On April 13, 2008, claimant applied for SSI through the Social Security Administration (SSA).
8. Claimant was denied SSI due to a negative disability determination on January 10, 2012.
9. Claimant has been denied disability by the Appeals Council for the Social Security Administration, and has filed an appeal of her case in the federal court system.
10. Claimant's Medicaid application did not claim an additional impairment or a change or deterioration in his condition upon which the Social Security Administration had not made a determination.

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 Bridges Reference Tables (RFT).

The SDA program, which provides financial assistance for disabled persons, is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 *et seq.* and MAC R 400.3151-400.3180. Department policies are found in BAM, BEM and RFT.

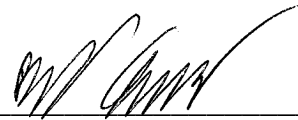
Department policy at BEM 260 states a claimant's SSA determination that disability or blindness does not exist for SSI is final for MA if the determination was made after 1/1/90, and no further appeals may be made at SSA, or the client failed to file an appeal at any step. A determination may proceed however, if the claimant alleges a totally different disabling condition than the condition upon which SSA based its determination or an additional impairment(s) or change or deterioration in his/her condition upon which SSA has **not** made a determination.

In the present case, claimant was found by the SSA to be ineligible for RSDI and SSI benefits based upon disability. Claimant testified to this information, and the undersigned is satisfied as to claimant's credibility. Claimant has no further appeals remaining at the SSA. Therefore, as claimant has had a final determination of not disabled by the SSA, the Administrative Law Judge must find that that determination is final for the purposes of the MA-P and SDA programs. Therefore, the undersigned finds that claimant does not meet the Department's definition of disabled for the purposes of MA-P and SDA programs.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that claimant is not medically disabled for the purposes of the MA-P and SDA programs.

Accordingly, the Department's decision in the above-stated matter is, hereby, **AFFIRMED**.



Robert J. Chavez
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: March 20, 2012

Date Mailed: March 21, 2012

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 - 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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