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

IN THE MATTER OF:





ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Suzanne L. Morris

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 the claimant personally appeared and provided testimony.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did the department properly determine claimant's disability status for Medicaid (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) eligibility purposes?

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 and SDA on
- 2. The Medical Review Team (MRT) denied the application on
- 3. The State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) denied the application on
- 4. Additional medical evidence was submitted by the claimant, which was reviewed by SHRT. On MA, SHRT approved the claimant for MA, retro MA and SDA, based on a Social Security Administration approval.

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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (RFT).

In the present case, the department, through SHRT, has determined that the claimant meets the disability standard because she has been approved by the Social Security Administration for disability benefits. This confers automatic eligibility for MA. SHRT has found the claimant eligible for MA, retro MA and SDA back to November 1, 2011. A medical review is to be conducted in September, 2013.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the department, through SHRT, properly determined claimant's disability status.

Accordingly, SHRT's decision is **AFFIRMED** and claimant shall receive MA, retro MA and SDA, as long as claimant meets all of the other non-medical requirements necessary to receive them. Additionally, the local office shall initiate an MA review by to determine claimant's continued eligibility for continued MA and SDA, as specified on SHRT's decision dated

SO ORDERED.

<u>/s/</u>

Suzanne L. Morris Administrative Law Judge for Maura D. Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed:

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 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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