

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 2012-47251  
Issue Nos.: 2009, 4031  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: June 25, 2012  
County: Wayne (82-41)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Jonathan W. Owens

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 following Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on June 25, 2012, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

The record was extended to allow additional relevant medical evidence to be submitted. Claimant waived timeliness. The additional medical evidence was received and submitted to the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) for review prior to this decision being issued.

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly determined that Claimant is not "disabled" for purposes of the Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) programs?

**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 November 22, 2011, Claimant applied for MA-P, SDA and retro MA-P to August 2011.
2. On March 31, 2012, the Medical Review Team denied Claimant's request.
3. On April 20, 2012, Claimant submitted to the Department a request for hearing.

4. SHRT denied Claimant's request.
5. Claimant is 45 years old.
6. Claimant completed education through high school.
7. Claimant has employment experience (last worked July 2010) as a supervisor for an office cleaning service and as a general laborer.
8. Claimant's limitations have lasted for 12 months or more.
9. Claimant suffers from bipolar disorder, back and knee pain, cervical radiculopathy and lumbar radiculopathy.
10. Claimant has significant limitations on physical activities involving sitting, standing, walking, bending, lifting, and stooping.
11. Claimant has significant limitations on understanding, carrying out, and remembering simple instructions; use of judgment; responding appropriately to supervision, co-workers and usual work situations; and dealing with changes in a routine work setting.

#### **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 Manual (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.

Additional medical records were received and submitted to SHRT for review. On July 30, 2012, SHRT found Claimant was disabled. Claimant was found disabled by SHRT based upon Claimant's application dated November 22, 2011, for Medical Assistance including the requested retro months effective August 2011.

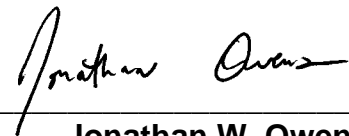
The Department has reversed the previous decision issued on April 5, 2012, and will process the above application based upon the SHRT approval. The Department is required to initiate a determination of Claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done, beginning August 2011.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that Claimant is medically disabled under the MA and SDA programs as of August 2011.

Accordingly, the Department is hereby ORDERED to:

1. Process Claimant's application dated November 22, 2011, in accordance with the SHRT approval;
2. Establish a medical review date of October 2013 for Claimant's MA and SDA case.



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**Jonathan W. Owens**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 9, 2012

Date Mailed: August 9, 2012

**NOTICE:** Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) 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. MAHS 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. (60 days for FAP cases)

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.

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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