

STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg No.: 2012-50216
Issue No.: 2009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: July 11, 2012
Wayne County DHS (82)

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 conducted from Detroit, Michigan on Wednesday, July 11, 2012. The Claimant appeared, along with [REDACTED], and testified. [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department of Human Services ("Department").

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly determined that the Claimant was not disabled for purposes of the Medical Assistance ("MA-P") benefit programs?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on 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, retroactive to December 2011, on March 8, 2012.
2. On April 4, 2012, the Medical Review Team ("MRT") found the Claimant not disabled.
3. The Department notified the Claimant of the MRT determination on April 9, 2012.
4. On April 23, 2012, the Department received the Claimant's timely written request for hearing.

5. On June 14, 2012, the State Hearing Review Team (“SHRT”) found the Claimant not disabled.
6. On May 1, 2012, the Social Security Administration (“SSA”) found the Claimant disabled with a disability onset date of April 27, 2012.

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 determined the Claimant was not disabled and subsequently, the SSA 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.

Retro MA coverage is available back to the first day of the third calendar month prior to the SSI entitlement date. BAM 115.

In this case, the SSA approved the Claimant for social security benefits with the disability onset date (entitlement date) of April 27, 2012. As a result, the Claimant is found disabled for MA-P purposes effective January 2012. It is further found, based on the SSA determination, that the Claimant is not disabled for MA-P purposes for the month of December 2011. Based on the favorable SSA determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability pursuant to BEM 260 and BAM 115.

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 for purposes of the MA-P benefit program effective January 2012. It is further held that the Claimant is not disabled for the month of December 2011.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

1. The Department’s determination that the Claimant was not disabled is AFFIRMED for the month of December 2011, only.

2. The Department's determination that the Claimant was not disabled is REVERSED effective January 2012, forward.
3. The Department shall initiate processing of (if not previously done so) the March 8, 2012 MA-P application, retroactive to January 2012 only, to determine if all other non-medical criteria are met and inform the Claimant of the determination in accordance with department policy.
4. The Department shall supplement for lost benefits (if any) that the Claimant was entitled to receive if otherwise eligible and qualified with respect to the March 8, 2012 application, retroactive to January 2012.

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

Date Signed: July 25, 2012

Date Mailed: July 25, 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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- misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision,
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