

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No: 2012-55404

Issue No: 2009

[REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** [REDACTED]

**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 [REDACTED]. The claimant appeared and provided testimony. [REDACTED] provided testimony on behalf of the department.

**ISSUE**

Did the department properly determine claimant's disability status for Medicaid (MA) 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 was receiving interim MA.
2. On [REDACTED], the Medical Review Team determined the claimant was not disabled.
3. On [REDACTED] 2012, the department received claimant's timely written hearing request disputing this denial.
4. On [REDACTED] claimant's hearing was held.
5. The department provided the Social Security report (SOLQ Report), showing the claimant was approved for RSDI benefits with an onset date of [REDACTED].

**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 Tables (RFT).

In Michigan, the SSA's determination of disability onset is binding for MA eligibility purposes. In the present case, evidence of the favorable SSA decision conclusively establishes claimant meets the federal disability standard necessary to qualify for MA pursuant to BEM 260. Consequently, the department must reverse its erroneous denial and reinstate or continue claimant's MA in accordance with department policy.


**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the department erred in determining claimant is not disabled.

Accordingly, the department's decision is **REVERSED**, and it is Ordered that:

1. The department shall reinstate/continue claimant's MA benefits, as long as claimant also meets all non-medical eligibility factors.
2. Departmental review of claimant's medical condition is not necessary as long as her SSA disability status continues.

/s/

  
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 

Date Mailed: 

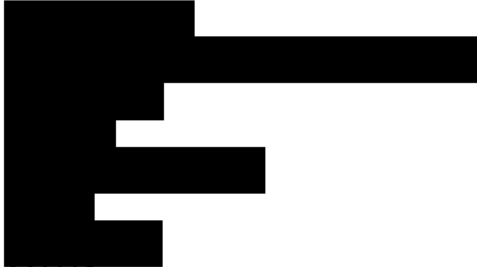
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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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