

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2012-55406
Issue No.: 2009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: August 27, 2012
County: Genesee (25-02)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jan Leventer

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9, MCL 400.37 and Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a hearing was held on August 27, 2012, at Flint, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant, her Authorized Representative, [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department correctly determine that Claimant is not disabled for purposes of the Medical Assistance (MA or Medicaid) program?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On October 12, 2011, Claimant filed an application for MA benefits. The application requested MA benefits retroactive to September 1, 2011.
2. On March 7, 2012, the Department sent a Notice of Case Action to Claimant, denying the application.
3. On May 21, 2012, Claimant filed a request for an Administrative Hearing.
4. On July 3, 2012, the Department's State Hearing Review Team issued its decision denying MA to Claimant.

5. On August 21, 2012, the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review of the U.S. Social Security Administration issued a "Notice of Decision – Fully Favorable" on Claimant's behalf in regard to eligibility, based on disability, for Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
6. Claimant's SSI entitlement date is April 6, 2011.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

MA was established by Title XIX of the U.S. Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department administers MA pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105. Department policies are found in Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and Reference Tables (RFT).

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

The Administrative Law Judge concludes and determines that Claimant **IS NOT DISABLED** for the following reason (select ONE):

1. Claimant is engaged in substantial gainful activity.

OR

2. Claimant's impairment(s) do not meet the severity and one-year duration requirements.

OR

3. Claimant is capable of performing previous relevant work.

OR

4. Claimant is capable of performing other work that is available in significant numbers in the national economy.

The Administrative Law Judge concludes that Claimant **IS DISABLED** for purposes of the MA program, for the following reason (select ONE):

1. Claimant's physical and/or mental impairment(s) meet a Federal SSI Listing of Impairment(s) or its equivalent.

State the Listing of Impairment(s): _____.

OR

2. Claimant is not capable of performing other work that is available in significant numbers in the national economy.

The August 21, 2012, decision of the federal Administrative Law Judge, finding in favor of the Claimant as to her disability, entitles her to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits effective April 6, 2011. Pursuant to BEM 150, "MA for SSI Recipients," an SSI recipient is entitled to MA benefits as of the first day of the month in which SSI entitlement begins. In addition, pursuant to BAM 115, "Application Processing," a Claimant who also applied for retroactive MA benefits with the Department, and becomes eligible for SSI, is entitled to MA retroactive benefits from the first day of the third calendar month prior to SSI entitlement. BAM 115 (2012), p. 9.

Accordingly, it is found and determined that Claimant is eligible for MA as of January 1, 2011.

Further, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law above, Claimant is found to be

NOT DISABLED **DISABLED**

for purposes of the MA program. The Department's denial of MA benefits to Claimant is

AFFIRMED **REVERSED**

Claimant may also be eligible for SDA. For the SDA program, the individual must have a physical or mental impairment which meets federal SSI disability standards for at least ninety days. Receipt of MA benefits based upon disability or blindness (or receipt of SSI or RSDI benefits based upon disability or blindness) automatically qualifies an individual as disabled for purposes of the SDA program. BEM 261 (2012), p. 1. Other specific financial and non-financial eligibility criteria are found in BEM 261. Inasmuch as Claimant has been found disabled for purposes of SSI, Claimant must also be found disabled for purposes of SDA benefits, if she should choose to apply for them.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, and for the reasons stated on the record finds that Claimant

DOES NOT MEET **MEETS**

the definition of medically disabled under the Medical Assistance program as of the onset date of April 6, 2011.


The Department's decision is

AFFIRMED

REVERSED

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Initiate processing of Claimant's October 12, 2011, application, to determine if all nonmedical eligibility criteria for MA benefits have been met.
2. If all nonmedical eligibility criteria for benefits have been met and Claimant is otherwise eligible for benefits, initiate processing of MA benefits to Claimant, including any supplements for lost benefits to which Claimant is entitled in accordance with policy.
3. If all nonmedical eligibility criteria for benefits have been met and Claimant is otherwise eligible for benefits, initiate procedures to schedule a redetermination date for review of Claimant's continued eligibility for program benefits in October 2013.
4. All steps shall be taken in accordance with Department policy and procedure.


Jan Leventer
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: September 18, 2012

Date Mailed: September 18, 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.

Request must be submitted through the local DHS office or directly to MAHS by mail at
Michigan Administrative Hearings
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
P. O. Box 30639
Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

JL/pf

cc:

