

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg No.: 2012 62234  
Issue No.: 2009  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: October 8, 2012  
Oakland County DHS (04)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lynn M. Ferris**

**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, an in-person hearing was conducted from Pontiac, Michigan on October 8, 2012. The Claimant appeared and testified. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], the Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative, also appeared on his behalf. [REDACTED] ES, appeared on behalf of the Department of Human Services ("Department").

After the hearing, the Department presented a fully favorable disability determination from the Social Security Administration ("SSA") showing a disability onset date of April 9, 2010.

**ISSUE**

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

**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 and State Disability Assistance ("SDA") on April 24, 2012.
2. On June 13, 2012 the Medical Review Team ("MRT") found the Claimant not disabled.

3. The Department notified the Claimant of the MRT determination on June 20, 2012.
4. On June 26, 2012 the Department received the Claimant's timely written request for hearing.
5. On August 8, 2012, the State Hearing Review Team ("SHRT") found the Claimant not disabled.
6. Subsequently, the SSA found the Claimant disabled with a disability onset date of April 9, 2010.

### **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").

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program, which provides financial assistance for disabled persons, is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 2000 AACS, Rule 400.3151 through Rule 400.3180.

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

The State Disability Assistance program, which provides financial assistance for disabled persons, was established by 2004 PA 344. The Department administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 *et seq.* and Mich Admin Code, Rules 400.3151 – 400.3180. Department policies are found in BAM, BEM, and RFT. A person is considered disabled for SDA purposes if the person has a physical or mental impairment which meets federal SSI disability standards for at least ninety days. Receipt of SSI benefits based on disability or blindness, or the receipt of MA benefits based on disability or blindness automatically qualifies an individual as disabled for purposes of the SDA program.

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In this case, the Claimant is found disabled for purposes of the MA-P program; therefore, he is found disabled for purposes of SDA benefit program.

In this case, the SSA approved the Claimant for social security benefits (SSI) with the disability onset date of April 9, 2010. 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.

In this case, the Claimant is found disabled for purposes of the MA-P program and SDA program.

### **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.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

1. The Department's determination that the Claimant was not disabled is REVERSED.
2. The Department shall initiate processing of (if not previously done so) the April 24, 2012 application, to include all applicable retroactive months, to determine if all other non-medical criteria are met and inform the Claimant of the determination in accordance with department policy.
3. The Department shall issue a supplement to the Claimant for SDA benefits the Claimant was otherwise entitled to receive in accordance with Department policy.



**Lynn M. Ferris**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: February 14, 2013

Date Mailed: February 14, 2013

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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.

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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