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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg No. 2012-66858 Issue No. 2009 Case No. Hearing Date: October 30, 2012 Kalamazoo County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Vicki L. Armstrong

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon Clai mant's request for a hear ing. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held on October 30, 2012. Claimant did not appear and was represented by Mr.

ISSUE

Did the department properly deny Claimant's M edicaid (MA)/Retro-MA application based on a finding he lacks a legally disabling condition?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, bas ed upon the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

- 1. On September 23, 2011, Claimant applied for MA/Retro-MA.
- On April 24, 2012, the departm ent's Medical Review Team (MRT) denied disability status, followed by pre-hearing concurrence issued by the department's State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) on September 12, 2012. (Department Exhi bit A, pp 31-32; Department Exhibit B, pp 1-2).
- 3. Claimant's self-requested appeal hearing disputing these decisions was held on October 30, 2012.
- 4. At hearing, Claimant's representative testified that Claimant had been approved for SSI-disability.
- 5. The Claimant's representative pr ovided this presiding Administrative Law Judge with ver ification of the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) d ecision, finding Cla imant was disabled with a benefit

entitlement effective November 2, 2008, which is long before Claimant filed her disputed MA/Retro application (See Finding of Fact #1 above).

6. The department stipulated on the record at hearing that Claimant's SSA appr oval establishes a disabi lity allowance for MA/Retro-MA eligibility purposes.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is es tablished by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of F ederal 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 Administra tive Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

In the present case, the SS A's disability a llowance, received while Cla imant's appeal was pending, currently establishes Claimant is disabled and has been disabled at all times relevant to her September 23, 2011, MA/Retro-MA application.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

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

- 1. The department s hall approve MA and Retro -MA benefits back to September, 2011, for Claim ant as long as she is otherwise eligible to receive them.
- 2. Departmental review of Claim ant's medical condition is not necessary as long as her SSA disability status continues.

<u>/s/</u>

Vicki L. Armstrong Administrative Law Judge for Maura D. Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

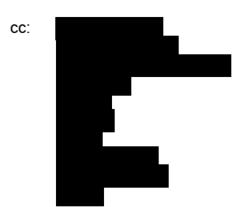
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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt of the Decisi on and Order or, if a time ly request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.



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