

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2012-12925  
Issue No.: 2009  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: March 7, 2012  
County: Wayne (82-15)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Jonathan W. Owens

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 following Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held on March 7, 2012, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant and [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. On June 27, 2011, Claimant applied for MA-P and retro MA-P to March 2011.
2. On August 16, 2011, the Medical Review Team denied Claimant's request.
3. On November 16, 2011, Claimant submitted to the Department a request for hearing.
4. The State Hearing and Review Team (SHRT) denied Claimant's request.
5. Claimant is 35 years old.

6. Claimant completed education through high school and 60 college credits.
7. Claimant has employment experience (last worked December 2010) as a direct care worker, in security, as a dispatcher for security company and as a cashier.
8. Claimant's limitations have lasted for 12 months or more.
9. Claimant suffers from degenerative joint disease, arthritis, degenerative disc disease, asthma, obstructive sleep apnea, hypertension, dyslipidemia, anemia, obesity and diabetes.
10. On April 24, 2012 a fully favorable decision was issued by the Social Security Administration finding the Claimant disabled as of December 11, 2010

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

MA-P 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 administers MA-P 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 Manual (RFT).


Because of the Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability, per BEM Item 260.

The Department is required to initiate a determination of Claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done, beginning March 2011. The prior months of requested coverage are approved per BEM 260, since the Social Security Administration issued a fully favorable decision.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that Claimant is medically disabled under the MA program as of March 2011.

Accordingly, the Department is hereby ORDERED to open an ongoing MA case for Claimant effective March 2011.

  
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**Jonathan W. Owens**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: May 14, 2012

Date Mailed: May 14, 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.

Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

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  - 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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