

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No: 2012-24463
Issue No: 2009; 4031

[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, an in-person hearing was held on [REDACTED]. The claimant personally appeared and provided testimony, along with [REDACTED]. The department witness that provided testimony was [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services (the department) properly deny claimant's application for Medical Assistance (MA-P) and properly deny claimant for ongoing State Disability Assistance (SDA)?

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 [REDACTED], claimant filed an application for Medical Assistance (MA) and SDA benefits alleging disability.
2. The department approved the claimant for SDA from [REDACTED] through [REDACTED], but denied her ongoing SDA and denied her MA benefits.
3. Claimant requested a hearing by written notice received by the department on [REDACTED].
4. Claimant's hearing was held on [REDACTED].
5. While her appeal was pending, an SOLQ report was run, showing claimant was determined disabled and approved for RSDI benefits by the Social Security Administration, with disability onset established as 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 Program Reference Manual (PRM).

In Michigan, the SSA's determination of disability onset is binding for MA eligibility purposes. In the present case, evidence of the fully favorable SSA decision conclusively establishes claimant meets the federal disability standard necessary to qualify for MA/SDA pursuant to BEM 150 and 260.

The SOLQ report shows claimant was determined disabled as of September 30, 2009, which is prior to when her application was submitted. Consequently, the department must reverse its erroneous denial and process claimant's disputed application in accordance with department policy.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

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

1. The department shall approve the MA/SDA benefits for claimant under her [REDACTED] application, as long as claimant is otherwise eligible to receive them.
2. Departmental review of claimant's medical condition is not necessary as long as her SSA disability status continues.

/s/ _____
[REDACTED]
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: [REDACTED]

Date Mailed: [REDACTED]

NOTICE: Administrative Hearings 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. Administrative Hearings 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.

The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the mailing 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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