

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 2012-24533
Issue No.: 2009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 21, 2012
County: St. Clair County

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Vicki L. Armstrong

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge upon the Claimant's request for a hearing made pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws 400.9 and 400.37, which govern the administrative hearing and appeal process. After due notice, a telephone hearing was commenced on March 21, 2012, from Lansing, Michigan. Claimant and her husband personally appeared and testified. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the department properly determine Claimant's disability status for Medicaid (MA)/Retro-MA eligibility purposes?

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 September 27, 2011, Claimant applied for MA/Retro-MA.
2. On February 28, 2012, the department's State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) issued a prehearing denial of Claimant's application indicating Claimant was capable of performing her past work as an office clerk.
3. Claimant promptly requested a hearing, at which, the presiding Administrative Law Judge granted Claimant's request for a record extension to submit updated examination and treatment documents.
4. On April 30, 2012, the department submitted additional medical documentation on behalf of Claimant.

5. Claimant's medical file was then submitted to SHRT for a post-hearing review on May 1, 2011.
6. On June 8, 2012, SHRT reversed its earlier denial of Claimant's disputed MA/Retro-MA application based on impairment listing 14.09(D) with coverage retroactively determined, beginning June 1, 2011. It should be noted the decision is checked as denied, however the body of the recommendation clearly spells out that Claimant has been approved for both MA and Retro-MA.

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 Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

In the present case, SHRT reversed its earlier finding of lack of disability based on additional medical evidence reviewed for the first time after the hearing. This new medical evidence establishes Claimant is currently disabled, and has been disabled at all times relevant to her September 27, 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, through SHRT, properly determined Claimant's disability status upon consideration of additional medical evidence reviewed for the first time after the hearing.

Accordingly, SHRT's decision is AFFIRMED and Claimant's disputed MA/Retro-MA application shall be processed with benefits awarded retroactive to June, 2011, as long as Claimant meets all of the other financial and non-financial requirements necessary to receive them. Additionally, the local office shall initiate an MA review by December 2012 to determine Claimant's eligibility for continued MA, as specified on SHRT's decision dated June 8, 2012. It is SO ORDERED.

/s/

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

Date Signed: 6/18/12

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