

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No: 2012-38314
Issue No: 2009

[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 to protest the denial of claimant's application for MA. After due notice, an in-person hearing was held on [REDACTED]. Claimant was represented at the hearing by [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance (MA-P)?

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 benefits alleging disability.
2. On [REDACTED] the Medical Review Team denied claimant's application stating that claimant's impairments lacked duration.
3. On [REDACTED] the department caseworker sent claimant notice that his application was denied.
4. On [REDACTED] filed a request for a hearing to contest the department's negative action.
5. On [REDACTED], the State Hearing Review Team again denied claimant's application stating in its analysis and recommended decision: The Claimant's physical examination was within normal limits. The medical evidence shows that the claimant may be depressed at times. He is still able to remember, understand and communicate with others. The objective

medical evidence in file demonstrates the physical residual capacity to perform unskilled work. The claimant's impairments do not meet/equal the intent or severity of a Social Security listing. The medical evidence of record indicates that the claimant retains the capacity to perform unskilled work. Therefore, based on the claimant's vocational profile (younger individual, 12th grade education and medium work history); MA-P is denied using Vocational Rule 204.00 as a guide. Retroactive MA-P was considered in this case and is also denied.

6. On [REDACTED], the Social Security Administration (SSA) sent claimant a Notice of Award of Retirement Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) with a disability onset date 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 Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

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

A person eligible for retirement, survivors and disability insurance (RSDI) benefits based on his disability or blindness meets the disability or blindness criteria. Disability or blindness starts from the RSDI disability onset date established by the Social Security Administration (SSA). This includes a person whose entire RSDI benefit is being with child for recruitment. No other evidence is required. BEM, Item 260, Page 1.

The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the claimant meets the definition of medically disabled under the Medical Assistance Program as of the [REDACTED] application date based upon the disability onset date of [REDACTED] established by the SSA.

Accordingly, the department is **ORDERED** to initiate a review of the application if it is not already done so, to determine if all other non-medical eligibility criteria are met. The department shall inform the claimant of the determination in writing.

