

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No: 2012-56394

Issue No: 2009; 4031

[REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Janice G. Spodarek

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 Medical Assistance (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA). After due notice, an in person hearing was held on [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for MA and 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 applied for MA-P and SDA with the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS).
2. Claimant did not apply for retro MA.
3. On [REDACTED], MRT denied.
4. On [REDACTED] the department issued notice.
5. On [REDACTED] claimant filed a hearing request.
6. On [REDACTED] SHRT denied claimant.
7. At the administrative hearing, claimant testified that she received a fully favorable decision from Social Security. The department challenged claimant's representation on the basis that the SOLQ did not verify the same.

Claimant and the department were able to secure a copy of the federal ALJ decision by fax on the date of the administrative hearing. On [REDACTED], Judge Christopher Ambrose, federal ALJ which states in part: "Application for benefits filed on [REDACTED] claimant has been disabled under Sections 216(i) and 233(d) of the Social Security Act since [REDACTED]"

8. Claimant is entitled to MA benefits and if otherwise eligible, SDA benefits pursuant to the [REDACTED] application and going back for 3 months of retro-MA pursuant to BEM Item 260.
9. Claimant may be eligible for benefits beginning earlier than her DHS application pursuant to the Social Security ruling which is not being reviewed herein.

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).

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program which provides financial assistance for disabled persons is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department of Human Services (DHS or department) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MAC R 400.3151-400.3180. 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; PEM, Item 261.

The department is required to initiate a determination of claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if required by DHS policy and procedure.

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 MA and SDA programs as of the [REDACTED] application date, including any retro MA months, if otherwise eligible, and as permitted under policy and procedure.

Accordingly, the department's denial is hereby **REVERSED**.

It is ORDERED that the department shall review this case in one year from the date of this Decision and Order.

/s/ _____
Janice G. Spodarek
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 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.

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