

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No: 2012-72810
Issue No: 2009
Case No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: November 29, 2012
Macomb-12 County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Landis Y. Lain

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, a telephone hearing was held on November 29, 2012. Claimant personally appeared and testified.

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 June 22, 2012, claimant filed an application for Medical Assistance and Retroactive Medical Assistance benefits alleging disability.
2. On August 2, 2012, the Medical Review Team denied claimant's application stating that claimant's impairments were non-exertional.
3. On August 7, 2012, the department caseworker sent claimant notice that his application was denied.
4. On August 23, 2012, claimant filed a request for a hearing to contest the department's negative action.
5. On October 5, 2012, the State Hearing Review Team again denied claimant's application stating in its analysis and recommendation: the claimant has a history of several previous psychiatric hospitalizations with the last in March, 2012 when he took an overdose. In June, 2012 he

appeared stabilized. His grooming and hygiene were fair, he was depressed, and he had psychomotor retardation. However, his affect was appropriate, speech was clear and goal directed and thoughts were logical. He denied psychotic symptoms. The claimant is not currently engaging in substantial gainful activity based on the information that is available in file. The claimant's impairments do not meet/equal the intent or severity of a Social Security listing. The medical evidence of record indicated that the claimant retains the capacity to perform a wide range of simple, unskilled work. A finding about the capacity for prior work has not been made. However, this information is not material because all potentially applicable medical-vocational guidelines would direct a finding of not disabled given the claimant's age, education and residual functional capacity. Therefore, based on the claimant's vocational profile (younger individual, limited education and history of semi-skilled/skilled work), 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. The hearing was held on November 29, 2012. At the hearing, claimant waived the time periods and requested to submit additional medical information.
7. Additional medical information was submitted and sent to the State Hearing Review Team on December 17, 2012.
8. On January 24, 2013, the State Hearing Review Team approved claimant stating in its recommendation: the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] approved this claimant for benefits in January, 2013. At this point, it is not clear whether the claimant has been put into payment status or not, as his claim is being reviewed by DQB. However, it is anticipated that he will be placed into payment status. Therefore, MA-P/Retro MA-P is approved effective March, 2012.

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 SHRT determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability, per BAM, Item 600.

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

- A rehearing **MAY** be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
- A reconsideration **MAY** be granted for any of the following reasons:
 - 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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