

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2012-68547
Issue No.: 2009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: December 19, 2012
County: Tuscola

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jonathan W. Owens

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 following Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, an in person hearing was held on December 19, 2012, from Caro, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant and [REDACTED], Claimant's spouse. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly determined that Claimant is not "disabled" for purposes of the Medical Assistance (MA-P) program?

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 April 2, 2012, Claimant applied for MA-P.
2. On July 10, 2012, the Medical Review Team denied Claimant's request.
3. On July 24, 2012, Claimant submitted to the Department a request for hearing.
4. The State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) denied Claimant's request.
5. Claimant is 51 years old.
6. Claimant completed education through an Associate's Degree.

7. Claimant has employment experience (last worked 2005) in a book store in sales and as a contract auto designer for [REDACTED].
8. Claimant's limitations have lasted for 12 months or more.
9. Claimant suffers from degenerative disc disease and chronic neck and back pain.
10. Claimant has significant limitations on physical activities involving sitting, standing, walking, bending, lifting, and stooping.
11. The Claimant was found disabled as of October 2012 and eligible for Social Security Income.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

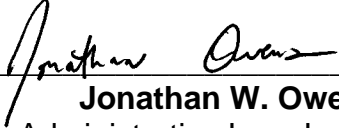
MA-P is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department administers MA-P pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (RFT).

Because of the Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability, per BEM Item 260. Claimant's application asserted disability as of April 2012; however, the Department is limited by the Social Security decision awarding benefits as of an onset date of October 2012. However, Claimant is eligible for three months retro from the established date of onset according to BAM 115, p. 9 (January 2012). Therefore, the Department is required to initiate a determination of Claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done, beginning July 2012.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that Claimant is medically disabled under the MA program as of July 2012.

Accordingly, the Department is hereby ORDERED to open an ongoing MA case for Claimant effective July 2012.



Jonathan W. Owens
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: January 14, 2013

Date Mailed: January 14, 2013

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 - 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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