

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 201317367  
Issue No.: 2009; 4031  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: March 12, 2013  
County: Lapeer

**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 March 12, 2013. Claimant was represented at the administrative hearing by [REDACTED] of Lansing, MI.

**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 7/12/12, claimant applied for MA-P and SDA with the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS).
2. Claimant applied for 2 months of retro MA.
3. On 9/13/12, MRT denied.
4. On 9/18/12, the department issued notice.
5. On 12/10/12, claimant filed a hearing request.
6. On 2/6/13, SHRT denied claimant.
7. At the administrative hearing, Claimant presented evidence that she received a fully favorable decision from Social Security Administration (SSA). Claimant Exhibit 1.11.

8. On 2/21/13, Federal ALJ Sloss approved Claimant SSA disability beginning on 2/15/12. There are no months left for a substantive review 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 7/12/12 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: 4/1/13  
Date Mailed: 4/2/13

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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.

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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