

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 20134315  
Issue No.: 2009  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: January 23, 2013  
County: Ingham County DHS

**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). After due notice, an in-person telephone hearing was held on January 23, 2013. Claimant was represented by [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for MA?

**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 May 10, 2012, claimant applied for MA-P with the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS).
2. Claimant applied for 1 month of retro MA.
3. On August 13, 2012, MRT denied.
4. On August 13, 2012, the department issued notice.
5. On October 11, 2012, claimant filed a hearing request.
6. On December 10, 2012, SHRT denied claimant.
7. At the conclusion of the hearing, the record was held open at claimant's request for the submission of additional medical records. Before new medical records were submitted, claimant's representative submitted verification of a favorable SSA determination for Social Security Disability.

8. Subsequent to the hearing, the Social Security Administration determined that the claimant met the disability criteria for the programs with a disability onset date of April 1, 2012.
9. On 2/14/13, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge received verification from SSA an SOLQ SSA Response Report indicating claimant was approved disability benefits by SSA. There are no months left for a substantive review in the case 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).

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

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 programs as of the 5/10/12 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: March 14, 2013

Date Mailed: March 19, 2013

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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.

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- A rehearing **MAY** be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
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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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