

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No: 20136183
Issue No: 2009, 4031

[REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Aaron McClintic

DECISION AND ORDER

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on [REDACTED]. Claimant appeared and testified. Claimant's Attorney, [REDACTED], also appeared. The Department was represented by [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA-P) program and State Disability Assistance (SDA) applications?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. Claimant applied for MA-P, Retro MA and SDA on [REDACTED].
2. The Medical Review Team denied the application on [REDACTED].
3. Claimant filed a request for hearing on [REDACTED], regarding the MA and SDA denials.
4. A telephone hearing was held on [REDACTED].
5. On [REDACTED] the State Hearing Review Team denied the application because the medical evidence of record indicates that the Claimant retains the capacity to perform simple, unskilled, medium work avoiding hazards such as unprotected heights.
6. Claimant is not currently working.

7. The Claimant's limitations have lasted for 12 months or more.
8. Claimant was found to be disabled by the Social Security Administration as of [REDACTED].
9. The parties reached an agreement that was placed on the record that Claimant was eligible for MA-P going back to the date of application. Claimant's attorney abandoned Claimant's appeal with regard to SDA benefits.

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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

Department policy at BEM 260 states that if a claimant has been found eligible for either SSI or RSDI based upon a finding of disability, the person meets the Department's MA disability criteria. No other evidence is required to establish disability. In the present case, the claimant was found by the Social Security Administration to be eligible for RSDI benefits based upon disability, and has presented prima facie evidence of the same. This disability was found by the Social Security Administration to have an onset date of [REDACTED]. Therefore, the Administrative Law Judge finds that the Claimant met the Department's definition of disabled for the purposes of MA-P effective [REDACTED].


DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Claimant is medically disabled for the purposes of the MA and retroactive MA programs, pending a review of all non-medical eligibility factors.

Accordingly, the Department's decision in the above stated matter is, hereby, **REVERSED.**

The Department is **ORDERED** to process Claimant's Medicaid application of [REDACTED] and initiate a review of all non-medical eligibility factors, if it has not already done so with eligibility effective [REDACTED] pursuant to the determination made by the Social Security Administration.

Aaron
Administrative
for
Department


McClintic
Law Judge
Maura Corrigan, Director
of Human Services

Date Signed: 03/15/2013

Date Mailed: 03/18/2013

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.

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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