

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg No. 2013-30664  
Issue No. 2009  
Case No. [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: July 24, 2013  
Tuscola County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Vicki L. Armstrong

**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 conducted at the Tuscola County DHS office on July 24, 2013. Claimant, represented by [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] personally appeared and testified. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Assistance Payment Supervisor [REDACTED]

**ISSUE**

Did the department properly deny Claimant's Medicaid (MA)/Retro-MA application based on a finding he lacks a legally disabling condition?

**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 November 28, 2012, Claimant applied for MA/Retro-MA.
2. On February 7, 2013, the department's Medical Review Team (MRT) denied disability status, followed by pre-hearing concurrence issued by the department's State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) on April 22, 2013. (Depart Ex. A, pp 10-11; Depart Ex. B, pp 1-2).
3. Claimant's self-requested appeal hearing disputing these decisions was held on July 24, 2013.
4. At hearing, Claimant's authorized representative testified that Claimant had been approved for SSI-disability.
5. The department's witness provided this presiding Administrative Law Judge with verification of the Social Security Administration's (SSA's)

decision with an SOLQ, finding Claimant was disabled with a benefit entitlement effective November 5, 2012, which is before Claimant filed his disputed MA/Retro application (See Finding of Fact #1 above).

6. The department stipulated on the record at hearing that Claimant's SSA approval establishes a disability allowance for MA/Retro-MA and SDA eligibility purposes.

### **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 Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

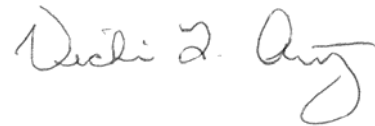
In the present case, the SSA's disability allowance, received while Claimant's appeal was pending, currently establishes Claimant is disabled and has been disabled at all times relevant to his November 28, 2012, MA/Retro-MA application.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the department erred in determining Claimant is not disabled.

Accordingly, the department's decision is **REVERSED**, and it is ORDERED that:

1. The department shall approve MA and Retro-MA benefits back to August, 2012, for Claimant as long as he is otherwise eligible to receive them.
2. Departmental review of Claimant's medical condition is not necessary as long as his SSA disability status continues.



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Vicki L. Armstrong  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 25, 2013

Date Mailed: July 25, 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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