

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No: 2013-21957
Issue No: 2009; 4031
Case No: 1002366720
Hearing Date: April 18, 2013
County DHS - Berrien

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Janice 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, a telephone hearing was held. Claimant was represented by, [REDACTED]. Claimant personally appeared and testified. The Department was represented by, [REDACTED], APS.

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 October 22, 2012, Claimant applied for MA-P and SDA with the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS).
2. Claimant did not apply for retro MA.
3. On December 19, 2012, MRT denied.
4. On January 04, 2013, the Department issued notice.
5. On January 10, 2013, Claimant filed a hearing request.
6. On March 01, 2013, 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. Medical records were received and submitted to the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT), and on July 18, 2013, SHRT approved Claimant.

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 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 and SDA programs as of the October 22, 2012, 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**.

The Department shall review this case in accordance with its usual policy and procedure.

/s/

Janice G. Spodarek
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 7/26/13

Date Mailed: 7/30/13

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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 affect the substantial rights of the Claimant;
 - failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

Request must be submitted through the local DHS office or directly to MAHS by mail at:
Michigan Administrative Hearings
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
P. O. Box 30639
Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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