

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-20893
Issue No.: 2009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: April 25, 2013
County: Oakland (63-03)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jonathan W. Owens

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, a telephone hearing was held on April 25, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

The record was extended to allow additional relevant medical evidence to be submitted. Claimant waived timeliness. The additional medical evidence was received and submitted to the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) for review prior to this decision being issued.

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly determined that Claimant is not "disabled" for purposes of the Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) programs?

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 July 30, 2012, Claimant applied for MA-P.
2. On December 13, 2012, the Medical Review Team denied Claimant's request.
3. On December 28, 2012, Claimant submitted to the Department a request for hearing.

4. SHRT denied Claimant's request.
5. Claimant is 56 years old.
6. Claimant completed education through high school and attended beauty school. She is a licensed cosmetologist.
7. Claimant has employment experience (last worked September 2011) as a hairdresser.
8. Claimant's limitations have lasted for 12 months or more.
9. Claimant suffers from depression, COPD, diabetes, arthritis, hypothyroidism and high blood pressure.
10. Claimant has significant limitations on physical activities involving sitting, standing, walking, bending, lifting, and stooping.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

MA-P 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 administers MA-P 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 (RFT).

Medical records were received and submitted to SHRT for review. On August 6, 2013, SHRT found Claimant was disabled. Claimant was found disabled by SHRT based upon Claimant's application dated July 30, 2012, for Medical Assistance including requested retro months effective April 2012.

The Department has reversed the previous decision issued and will process the above application based upon the SHRT approval. The Department is required to initiate a determination of Claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done, beginning April 2012.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that Claimant is medically disabled under the MA program as of April 2012.

Accordingly, the Department is hereby ORDERED to open an ongoing MA case for Claimant effective April 2012 if otherwise eligible.



Jonathan W. Owens
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: August 16, 2013

Date Mailed: August 16, 2013

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- Newly discovered evidence that existed at the time of the original hearing that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision;
- Misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision which led to a wrong conclusion;
- Typographical, mathematical or other obvious error in the hearing decision that affects the rights of the client;
- Failure of the ALJ to address in the hearing decision relevant issues raised in the hearing request.

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