

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg No. 2013-42766
Issue No. 2009; 4031
Case No. [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: October 22, 2013
Wayne-31 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, a telephone hearing was conducted from Lansing, Michigan. Claimant personally appeared and testified. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Eligibility Specialist [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

ISSUE

Did the department properly deny Claimant's Medicaid (MA)/Retro-MA and State Disability Assistance (SDA) 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 August 1, 2011, Claimant applied for MA/Retro-MA and SDA alleging disability.
2. On December 13, 2011, the department's Medical Review Team (MRT) denied disability status, indicating Claimant was capable of performing other work. According to the department, Claimant was mistakenly granted MA and SDA beginning 9/1/11.
3. On March 13, 2013, the department mailed Claimant a Notice of Case Action informing him that his MA and AD-Care programs would be closed beginning April 1, 2013.
4. According to the Eligibility Summary dated 10/22/13, Claimant's SDA program was closed effective 5/1/13.

5. On March 22, 2013, Claimant appealed the closing of his Medicaid and SDA programs.
6. Claimant's self-requested appeal hearing disputing these decisions was held on October 22, 2013.
7. At hearing, Claimant testified that he had been fully approved for SSI-disability beginning September, 2011.
8. 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 August 16, 2011, which is the same month Claimant filed his disputed MA/Retro and SDA application (See Finding of Fact #1 above).
9. Claimant testified that the Social Security Administration was recouping benefits the State of Michigan had paid him in addition to Attorney fees before it would begin to pay him in October, 2013.

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).

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 Mich Admin Code, Rules 400.3151-400.3180. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

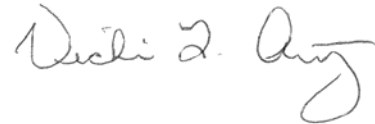
In the present case, the SSA's disability allowance, received while Claimant's appeal was pending, currently establishes Claimant is disabled and has been disabled at all times relevant to his August 3, 2011, MA/Retro-MA and SDA application.

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 back to August, 2011, benefits 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.



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

Date Signed: October 22, 2013

Date Mailed: October 22, 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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