

**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.: 2013-60052  
Issue No(s): 2009  
Case No.: ██████████  
Hearing Date: December 2, 2013  
County: Macomb (12)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Susan C. Burke

**HEARING DECISION**

Following Claimant's request for a hearing, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and 400.37; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; and 45 CFR 205.10. After due notice, a hearing was held on December 2, 2013, in Clinton Township, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant and Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative, ██████████  
██████████ Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████

During the hearing, Claimant waived the time period for the issuance of this decision in order to allow for the submission of additional records. On December 10, 2013, Claimant submitted to this office a fully favorable Social Security Administration (SSA) decision. This matter is now before the undersigned for a final decision.

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly determined that Claimant was not disabled for purposes of the Medical Assistance (MA) benefit program.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. Claimant submitted an application for MA on November 19, 2012.
2. The Medical Review Team found Claimant not disabled on February 6, 2013.
3. The Department notified Claimant of the application denial on April 30, 2013.
4. The Department received Claimant's timely request for hearing on July 26, 2013.

5. The State Hearing Review Team found Claimant not disabled.
6. On November 29, 2013 the SSA determined that Claimant was eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), with the disability onset date of August 10, 2012..

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Subchapter XIX of Chapter 7 of The Public Health & Welfare Act, 42 USC 1397, and is administered by the Department of Human Services, formerly known as the Family Independence Agency, 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 Tables (RFT).

To be automatically eligible for MA, an SSI recipient must be a Michigan resident and cooperate with third-party resource liability requirements. BEM 150, p. 1. Ongoing MA eligibility begins the first day of the month of SSI entitlement. BEM 150, p. 1. Retro MA coverage is available back to the first day of the third calendar month prior to entitlement for SSI. BAM 115 (October 2012), p. 9. A separate determination of eligibility must be made for each of the three retro months. BAM 115, p. 10. To be eligible for a retro MA month, the person must meet all financial and non-financial (i.e., be disabled) factors in that month and have unpaid medical expense incurred during the month or have been entitled to Medicare Part A. BAM 115, p. 11. A DHS-1171 (application) is not required for SSI recipients. BAM 115, p. 8.

In this case, On November 29, 2013 the SSA determined that Claimant was eligible for SSI, with the disability onset date of August 10, 2012.

.The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds Claimant disabled for purposes of the MA program.

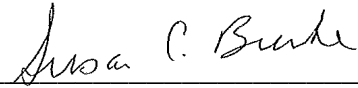
### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's determination is REVERSED.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO INITIATE THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. The Department shall initiate processing of the November 19, 2012 MA application to determine if all non-medical criteria are met and inform Claimant of the determination in accordance with Department policy.

2. The Department shall review the Claimant's continued eligibility in February of 2015, in accordance with Department policy.



**Susan C. Burke**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: December 27, 2013

Date Mailed: December 27, 2013

**NOTICE OF APPEAL:** 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 or Reconsideration was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the Decision and Order of Reconsideration or Rehearing Decision.

Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) 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. MAHS 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 (60 days for FAP cases).

A Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration may be granted when one of the following exists:

- 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.

The Department, AHR or the claimant must specify all reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration. A request must be *received* in MAHS within 30 days of the date the hearing decision is mailed.

The written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088 and be labeled as follows:  
Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request

If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:  
Michigan Administrative Hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P.O. Box 30639  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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