

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201363002
Issue No.: 2009, 4009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: December 18, 2013
County: Iosco County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Kevin Scully

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 telephone hearing was held on December 18, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Whether the Claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance (MA) and State Disability Assistance (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 May 22, 2013, the Claimant submitted an application for Medical Assistance (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) benefits alleging disability.
2. On July 29, 2013, the Medical Review Team (MRT) determined that the Claimant did not meet the disability standard for Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) because it determined that she is capable of performing other work despite her impairments.
3. On August 2, 2013, the Department sent the Claimant notice that it had denied the application for assistance.
4. On August 7, 2013, the Department received the Claimant's hearing request, protesting the denial of disability benefits.

5. On September 23, 2013, the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) upheld the Medical Review Team's (MRT) denial of MA-P and SDA benefits.
6. The Claimant applied for federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits with the Social Security Administration (SSA).
7. According to a Bridges SOLQR report, the SSA approved Claimant for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits with a disability onset date of March 19, 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 (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 (Department) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, et seq., and MACR 400.3151-400.3180. Department policies are found in the Program Administrative Manual (BAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

Because of the Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability. BEM 260.

Ongoing MA eligibility begins the first day of the month of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) entitlement. BEM 150.

Some clients also qualify for retroactive MA coverage for up to three calendar months prior to SSI entitlement. Retro MA coverage is available back to the first day of the third calendar month. BAM 115.

The Department is required to initiate a determination of Claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done.

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 Medical Assistance Program and the State Disability Assistance Program as of the May 22, 2013, application date.

Accordingly, the Department is **ORDERED** to initiate a review of the May 22, 2013, application if it is not already done so, to determine if all other non-medical eligibility criteria are met. The Department shall inform the Claimant of the determination in writing.

A medical review should be scheduled for December of 2014. The Department should check to see if Claimant is in current payment status or not. If the Claimant is in current payment status at the medical review no further action will be necessary. However, if the Claimant is not in current payment status at the medical review, the Department is to obtain updated application forms (DHS49) and obtain updated medical records. It is **ORDERED** that the Department shall review this case in one year from the date of this Decision and Order.

/s/
Kevin Scully
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

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If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

Michigan Administrative Hearings
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