

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No: 2013-27996  
Issue No: 2009;4031  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: May 9, 2013  
Kalamazoo County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Landis Y. Lain

**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 MA. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on May 9, 2013. Claimant personally appeared and testified. The claimant was represented at the hearing by [REDACTED], case manager. The department was represented at the hearing by Eligibility Specialist, [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Whether claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance (MA-P) 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 October 3, 2012, claimant filed an application for Medical Assistance, Retroactive Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance benefits alleging disability.
2. On December 10, 2012, the Medical Review Team denied claimant's application stating that claimant's impairments were non-exertional.
3. On December 13, 2012, the department caseworker sent claimant notice that his application was denied.
4. On January 29, 2013, claimant filed a request for a hearing to contest the department's negative action.
5. On April 15, 2013, the State Hearing Review Team again denied claimant's application.

6. The hearing was held on May 9, 2013. At the hearing, claimant waived the time periods and requested to submit additional medical information.
7. Additional medical information was submitted and sent to the State Hearing Review Team on June 12, 2013.
8. On June 25, 2013, the State Hearing Review Team approved claimant's application stating in its analysis and recommendation: adopting the SSA/DDS Title XVI determination. The claimant does not have a past work history for SSA Title II benefits. Review of records supports that the claimant's condition was of a like manner to request retroactive MA-P date. As such, as long as all non-medical criteria are met, then these benefits would also be approved. The claimant was approved for Social Security Disability benefits on May 14, 2013 and is currently in payment status. Therefore, MA-P and retroactive MA-P are approved effective July, 2012. SDA is approved per BEM 261. No medical review of this determination is necessary due to the SSA allowance.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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 (BAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

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).

Because of the SHRT determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability, per BAM, Item 600.

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

A person eligible for retirement, survivors and disability insurance (RSDI) benefits based on his disability or blindness meets the disability or blindness criteria. Disability or blindness starts from the RSDI disability onset date established by the Social Security Administration (SSA). This includes a person whose entire RSDI benefit is being withheld for recruitment. No other evidence is required. BEM, Item 260, Page 1.

Ongoing MA eligibility begins the first day of the month of SSI entitlement. BEM, Item 150, page 1.

Some clients also qualify for **retroactive** (retro) MA coverage for up to three calendar months prior to SSI entitlement; see [BAM 115](#). Retro MA coverage is available back to the first day of the third calendar month prior to: For SSI, entitlement to SSI. BAM, Item 115, page 9.

### **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 October 3, 2012 application date. Claimant also meets the definition of medically disabled for the month of July, August and September, 2012 pursuant to the State Hearing Review Team decision.

Accordingly, the department is **ORDERED** to initiate a review of the 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.

Accordingly, if it has not already done so, the department is **ORDERED** to open an ongoing Medical Assistance case for the claimant effective the month of the SSI entitlement.

A medical review should be scheduled for July, 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.

Landis /s/  
Y. Lain  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 17, 2013

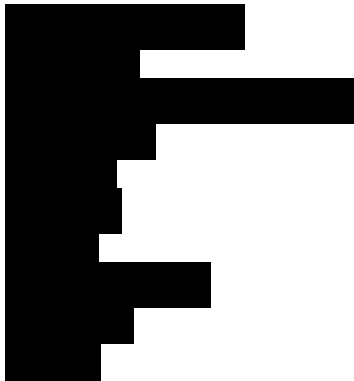
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**NOTICE:** Administrative Hearings may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a party within 30 days of the mailing date of this Decision and Order. Administrative Hearings will not order a rehearing or 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.

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