

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: 2013-29716
Issue No: 2009;4031
Case No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: June 12, 2013
Berrien 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 June 12, 2013. Claimant personally appeared and testified. The department was represented by Assistance Payment Supervisor, [REDACTED] [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 and State Disability Assistance benefits alleging disability.
2. On November 29, 2012, the Medical Review Team denied claimant's application stating that claimant's impairments lacked duration.
3. On November 29, 2012, the department caseworker sent claimant notice that his application was denied.
4. On January 31, 2013, claimant filed a request for a hearing to contest the department's negative action.
5. On April 30, 2013, the State Hearing Review Team again denied claimant's application stating in its analysis and recommendation: the medical evidence of record could reasonably support the claimant retaining the capacity to perform light exertional tasks of a simple and repetitive nature. The claimant is not currently engaging in substantial

gainful activity based on the information that is available in file. The claimant's impairments/combination of impairments does not meet/equal the intent or severity of a Social Security Administration listing. The medical evidence of record indicates that the claimant retains the capacity to perform light exertional tasks of a simple and repetitive nature. The claimant's past work was: food manager, 290.477-018, 3L; material handler, 921-683-050, 3M; and, product maker, 706-687-010, 2L. Therefore, the claimant retains the capacity to perform their past relevant work as considered in this case and is also denied. SDA is denied per BEM 261 due to the capacity to perform past relevant work. Listings 3.03, 5.05/06, 11.02/03 and 12.06/08/09 were considered in this determination.

6. On May 24, 2014, the Social Security Administration issues a fully favorable decision stating that claimant meets the disability requirements for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) with a disability onset date of June 8, 2011.

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

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

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 October 3, 2012 application date.

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

Date Signed: June 24, 2013

Date Mailed: June 25, 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.

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