

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg No. 2013-31132  
Issue No. 2009  
Case No. [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: June 13, 2013  
Montmorency 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 3-way telephone hearing from Lansing, Michigan. Claimant, represented by Ms. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] 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) 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 September 19, 2012, Claimant applied for MA/Retro-MA.
2. On February 1, 2013, the department's Medical Review Team (MRT) denied disability status, followed by pre-hearing concurrence issued by the department's State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) on May 6, 2013. (Depart Ex. A, pp 174-175; Depart Ex. B, pp 1-2).
3. Claimant's hearing disputing these decisions was held on June 13, 2013.
4. At hearing, Claimant's representative submitted a copy of Claimant's approval for SSI-disability.
5. The department's witness testified that the SOLQ showed Claimant was disabled with a benefit entitlement effective September 3, 2012, which was before Claimant filed his disputed MA/Retro application.

6. The department stipulated on the record during the hearing that Claimant's SSA approval establishes a disability allowance for MA eligibility purposes.

### **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).

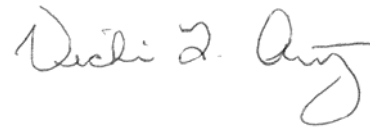
In the present case, the SSA's disability allowance, received while Claimant's appeal was pending, currently establishes Claimant is disabled and has been disabled at all times relevant to his September 19, 2012, MA/Retro-MA application.

### **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 back to September, 2012, 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.



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

Date Signed: June 13, 2013

Date Mailed: June 14, 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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