

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 2013-47634
Issue No.: 2009
Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: November 25, 2013
County: Oakland (04)

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 November 25, 2013, in Pontiac, 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 ██████████ ES.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine 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 public assistance seeking MA on May 31, 2012.
2. In June of 2012, Claimant returned to work full time and continued working full time without special accommodations.
3. On July 12, 2012, the Medical Review Team (MRT) determined that Claimant was not disabled.

4. The Department notified Claimant of the MRT determination.
5. On October 2, 2012, the Department received Claimant's timely written request for hearing.
6. On July 24, 2013, the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) found Claimant not disabled.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance 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").

Federal regulations require that the Department use the same operative definition for "disabled" as used for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. 42 CFR 435.540(a)

"Disability" is:

...the inability to do any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months ... 20 CFR 416.905.

In determining whether an individual is disabled, 20 CFR 416.920 requires the trier of fact to follow a sequential evaluation process by which current work activity, the severity of the impairment(s), statutory listings of medical impairments, residual functional capacity, and vocational factors (i.e., age, education, and work experience) are assessed in that order. When a determination that an individual is or is not disabled can be made at any step in the sequential evaluation, evaluation under a subsequent step is not necessary.

In this case, Claimant applied for MA on May 31, 2012. Claimant returned to work in June of 2012, working full time, and since that time has continued to work full time. Claimant testified credibly that she receives no special accommodations to perform her work-related activities.

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The rules require an impairment that can be expected to interfere with work-related activities for a period of twelve months. Claimant's impairment has not prevented work-related activities for a period of twelve months. Therefore, Claimant does not meet durational requirements.

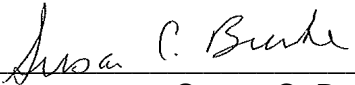
Accordingly, this Administrative Law Judge concludes that Claimant is not disabled for purposes of the MA program.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds Claimant not disabled for purposes of the MA-P benefit program.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED:

The Department's determination is AFFIRMED.



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

Date Signed: December 2, 2013

Date Mailed: December 2, 2013

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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the mailing of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the mailing date of the rehearing decision.

Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

- A rehearing **MAY** be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.

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- A reconsideration **MAY** be granted for any of the following reasons:
 - misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision,
 - typographical errors, mathematical error, or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that effect the substantial rights of the claimant:
 - the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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