

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-48872
Issue No.: 2009; 4031
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: October 3, 2013
County: Lenawee

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Vicki L. Armstrong

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 October 3, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Claimant, represented by Case Manager, [REDACTED] personally appeared and provided testimony. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Eligibility Specialist [REDACTED]

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine that Claimant was no longer disabled and denied his review application for Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) based upon medical improvement?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. Claimant was a Medical Assistance benefit recipient and his Medical Assistance case was scheduled for review in March, 2013.
2. On July 26, 2013, the Department's State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) issued a prehearing denial of Claimant's redetermination indicating Claimant retained the capacity to perform at least simple, unskilled work.
3. Claimant promptly requested a hearing, at which, the presiding Administrative Law Judge granted Claimant's request for a record extension to submit updated examination and treatment documents.
4. These documents were submitted to SHRT for a post-hearing review.

5. On February 5, 2014, SHRT reversed its earlier denial of Claimant's disputed MA and SDA redetermination on finding Claimant has not had significant medical improvement and MA-P benefits are continued/approved per 20 CFR 416.994, and the medical evidence sufficiently demonstrates that the intent and severity of listing 12.04 is met.

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 Bridges Reference Manual (RFT).

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 Mich Admin Code, Rules 400.3151-400.3180. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

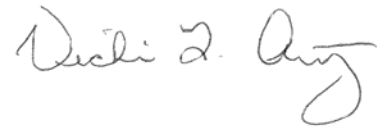
In the present case, SHRT reversed its earlier finding of lack of medical improvement based on additional medical evidence reviewed for the first time after the hearing. This new medical evidence establishes Claimant is currently disabled, and has been disabled at all times relevant to his March 31, 2013, MA/SDA redetermination.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the Department, through SHRT, properly determined Claimant's disability status upon consideration of additional medical evidence reviewed for the first time after the hearing.

Accordingly, SHRT's decision is **AFFIRMED** and Claimant's disputed MA redetermination shall be processed with benefits continued from the March 31, 2013, redetermination.

It is **SO ORDERED**.



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

Date Signed: February 12, 2014

Date Mailed: February 13, 2014

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).

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- 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.

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