

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No: 2013-55742  
Issue No: 2009; 4031  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: 10/31/13  
Saginaw 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. The hearing was set for October 31, 2013. On October 23, 2013 the Department caseworker notified the Michigan Administrative Hearing System that Claimant has been approved for [REDACTED] through the Social Security Administration with a disability onset date of [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 January 20, 2011, Claimant filed an application for Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability Assistance benefits alleging disability and was subsequently approved for the benefits on March 20, 2012 by Administrative Law Judge [REDACTED].
2. On June 18, 2013, the Medical Review Team denied Claimant's review application stating that Claimant had medical improvement.
3. On June 21, 2013 the Department caseworker sent Claimant notice that the application was denied.
4. On June 27, 2013, Claimant filed a request for a hearing to contest the department's negative action.
5. On July 16, 2013, the State Hearing Review Team again denied Claimant's application.

6. According to a Bridges SOLQ Report, the SSA approved Claimant for ( [REDACTED] ) benefits with a disability onset date of December 25, 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.

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 with child for recruitment. No other evidence is required. BEM, Item 260, 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 **disability onset date set by the Social Security Administration.**

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.

A medical review should be scheduled for October 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: 10/24/13

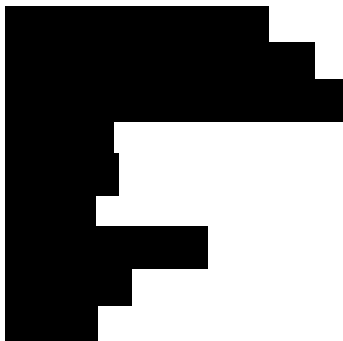
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**NOTICE:** Administrative Hearings may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a party within 30 days of the mailing date of this Decision and Order. Administrative Hearings will not order a rehearing or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