

STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg No. 2013-841
Issue No. 2009
Case No. [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: January 16, 2013
Genesee County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Christopher S. Saunders

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. After due notice, an in person hearing was held on January 16, 2013. Claimant personally appeared and provided testimony. Claimant was represented by [REDACTED] of L & S Associates.

ISSUE

Did the department properly determine Claimant's disability status for Medicaid (MA)/retro-MA eligibility purposes?

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 February 22, 2012, Claimant applied for MA/retro-MA.
2. On November 9, 2012, the department's State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) issued a prehearing denial of claimant's application stating that the claimant's impairments do not meet the twelve month durational requirement.
3. Claimant promptly requested a hearing, at which, the presiding Administrative Law Judge granted Claimant's request for a record extension to submit updated medical documentation.
4. Those documents were submitted to SHRT for a post-hearing review.

5. On June 20, 2013, SHRT reversed its earlier denial of Claimant's disputed MA/retro-MA application based on Claimant's approval for Social Security Disability benefits with an onset date of June 1, 2011. Coverage is deemed retroactive starting November 1, 2011.

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, SHRT reversed its earlier finding of lack of disability based on additional medical evidence reviewed for the first time after the hearing; specifically Claimant's approval for Social Security Disability benefits. This new evidence establishes claimant is currently disabled, and has been disabled at all times relevant to his February 22, 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, through SHRT, properly determined Claimant's disability status upon consideration of his Social Security disability determination.

Accordingly, SHRT's decision is **AFFIRMED** and Claimant's disputed MA/retro-MA application shall be processed with benefits awarded retroactive to November 1, 2011, as long as Claimant meets all of the other financial and non-financial requirements necessary to receive them.

It is SO ORDERED.

/s/
Christopher S. Saunders
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 10, 2013

Date Mailed: July 10, 2013

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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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