

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 2013-64219
Issue No.: 2009; 4009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: December 19, 2013
County: St. Joseph

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Landis Y. Lain

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 December 19, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant and authorized hearings representative [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Eligibility Specialist and [REDACTED], Assistance Payments Supervisor.

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 April 1, 2013, Claimant filed an application for Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability Assistance benefits alleging disability.
2. On July 10, 2013, the Medical Review Team denied Claimant's application stating that Claimant could perform other work pursuant to Medical Vocational Rule 202.21.
3. On July 16, 2013, the Department caseworker sent Claimant notice that his application was denied.
4. On August 12, 2013, Claimant filed a request for a hearing to contest the Department's negative action.

5. On October 23, 2013, the State Hearing Review Team again denied Claimant's application.
6. According to a Bridges SOLQ Report, the Social Security Administration approved Claimant for (SSI) benefits with a disability onset date of March 30, 2012.

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.

Ongoing MA eligibility begins the first day of the month of SSI entitlement. BEM, Item 150, page 1. Some clients also qualify for **retroactive** (retro) MA coverage for up to three calendar months prior to SSI entitlement; see BAM 115. Retro MA coverage is available back to the first day of the third calendar month prior to: For SSI, entitlement to SSI. BAM, Item 115, page 9.

The Department is required to initiate a determination of Claimant's financial eligibility for the requested State Disability Assistance 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 in accordance with Department policy effective the month of SSI entitlement and the State Disability Assistance Program as of the April 1, 2013 application date.

Accordingly, the Department is **ORDERED** to initiate a review of the State Disability Assistance 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.

Accordingly, if it has not already done so, the Department is **ORDERED** to open an ongoing Medical Assistance case for the Claimant effective the month of the SSI entitlement.

A medical review should be scheduled for January 2015. 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.

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Landis Y. Lain
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 1/10/14

Date Mailed: 1/14/14

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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