

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg No. 2014-2247  
Issue No. 2009  
Case No. [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: February 13, 2014  
County: Alpena-Alcona

**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 February 13, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Claimant's representative, Attorney [REDACTED] personally appeared and testified. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Family Independence Manager [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**ISSUE**

Did the department properly deny Claimant's Medicaid (MA)/Retro-MA application based on a finding that he lacks a legally disabling condition?

**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 19, 2013, Claimant applied for MA/Retro-MA.
2. On September 3, 2013, the department's Medical Review Team (MRT) denied disability status, followed by pre-hearing concurrence issued by the department's State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) on November 20, 2013. (Depart Ex. A, pp 27-28; Depart Ex. B, pp 1-2).
3. Claimant's self-requested appeal hearing disputing these decisions was held on September 20, 2013.
4. At hearing, Claimant's representative testified that he had been approved for SSI-disability.
5. Claimant's representative provided this presiding Administrative Law Judge with verification of the Fully Favorable Social Security Administration's (SSA's) decision finding Claimant was disabled with a benefit entitlement

effective July 4, 2011, which is long two years before Claimant filed his disputed MA/Retro-MA application (See Finding of Fact #1 above).

6. The department stipulated on the record at hearing that Claimant's SSA approval establishes a disability allowance for MA/Retro-MA eligibility purposes.

### **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).

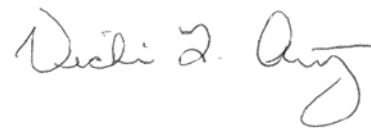
In the present case, the SSA's disability allowance, received while Claimant's appeal was pending, currently establishes Claimant is disabled and has been disabled at all times relevant to his April 19, 2013, MA/Retro-MA application.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the department erred in determining Claimant is not disabled.

Accordingly, the department's decision is **REVERSED**, and it is ORDERED that:

1. The department shall approve MA and Retro-MA benefits back to January, 2013, for Claimant as long as he is otherwise eligible to receive them.
2. Departmental review of Claimant's medical condition is not necessary as long as his SSA disability status continues.



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

Date Signed: February 13, 2014

Date Mailed: February 13, 2014

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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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