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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.:20Issue No.:20Case No.:20Hearing Date:FoCounty:0

2013-63360 2009 February 26, 2014

Oakland (63-02)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jonathan W. Owens

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, an in-person hearing was held on February 26, 2014, from Madison Heights, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant Included Cla

The record was extended to allow additional relevant medical evidence to be submitted. Claimant waived timeliness. The additional medical evidence was received and submitted to the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) for review prior to this decision being issued.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Whether the Department properly determined that Claimant is not "disabled" for purposes of the Medical Assistance (MA-P) program?

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 30, 2013, Claimant applied for MA-P.
- 2. On June 21, 2013, the Medical Review Team denied Claimant's request.
- 3. On August 2, 2013, Claimant submitted to the Department a request for hearing.

- 4. SHRT denied Claimant's request.
- 5. Claimant is 56 years old.
- 6. Claimant completed education through high school.
- 7. Claimant has employment experience (last worked 2012) as a maintenance supervisor which required him to stand/walk seven hours a day, one hour of sitting and required him to lift up to 80 pounds.
- 8. Claimant's limitations have lasted for 12 months or more.
- 9. Claimant suffers from arthritis, hypertension, high cholesterol, depression, kidney disease stage III, coronary artery disease and chronic atrial fibrillation.
- 10. Claimant has significant limitations on physical activities involving sitting, standing, walking, bending, lifting, and stooping.
- 11. On April 14, 2014, SHRT issued a new determination based upon the newly submitted medical evidence granting MA-P benefits as of April 2013.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

MA-P 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 administers MA-P 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).

Additional medical records were received and submitted to SHRT for review. On April 14, 2014, SHRT found Claimant was disabled. Claimant was found disabled by SHRT based upon Claimant's application dated April 30, 2013, for Medical Assistance. SHRT denied retro MA; however, no retro MA benefits were requested.

The Department has reversed the previous decision issued and will process the above application based upon the SHRT approval. The Department is required to initiate a determination of Claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done, beginning April 2013.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that Claimant is medically disabled under the MA program as of April 2013.

Accordingly, the Department is hereby ORDERED to open an ongoing MA case for Claimant effective April 2013, if otherwise eligible.

/ Jonathan W. Owens Administrative Law Judge for Maura Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 23, 2014

Date Mailed: April 23, 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.

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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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