

**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.: 2014-20474 & 2014-20477  
Issue Nos.: 2009, 4009  
Case No.: ██████████  
Hearing Date: March 13, 2014  
County: Wayne (82-76)

**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. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included

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**ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly determined that Claimant is not "disabled" for purposes of the Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) programs?

**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 August 21, 2013, Claimant applied for MA-P. Claimant submitted a second application on October 4, 2013, for both MA-P and SDA.
2. On October 1, 2013, the Medical Review Team (MRT) denied Claimant's request for MA dated August 21, 2013. On November 1, 2013, MRT denied Claimant's request for MA and SDA dated October 4, 2013.
3. On October 21, 2013, Claimant submitted to the Department a request for hearing regarding the notice of case action regarding the August 21, 2013, application. On November 18, 2013, Claimant filed a request for hearing regarding the denial of SDA benefits.

4. On January 16, 2014, the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) issued two decisions. One decision approved MA benefits effective May 2013. The second decision approved SDA benefits and MA benefits beginning July 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).

The SDA program, which provides financial assistance for disabled persons, is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 *et seq.* and MAC R 400.3151-400.3180. Department policies are found in BAM, BEM and RFT.

Additional medical records were received and submitted to SHRT for review. On January 16, 2014, SHRT found Claimant was disabled. Claimant was found disabled by SHRT based upon Claimant's applications dated August 21, 2013, and October 4, 2013, for SDA and MA including requested retro months effective May 2013.

The Department has reversed the previous decision issued and will process the above applications 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 May 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 May 2013.

Accordingly, the Department is hereby ORDERED to process Claimant's application for MA and SDA benefits in accordance with policy and issue any necessary supplements he is otherwise eligible to receive.



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

Date Signed: March 17, 2014

Date Mailed: March 17, 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.

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).

A Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration may be granted when one of the following exists:

- 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.

The Department, AHR or the claimant must specify all reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration. A request must be *received* in MAHS within 30 days of the date the hearing decision is mailed.

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