

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2014-9802
Issue No(s): 2009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: April 17, 2014
County: Macomb (50-12)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Robert J. Chavez

AMENDED HEARING DECISION

Due to clerical errors in the Decision and Order, this decision is Amended for the sole purpose of correcting the errors.

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 April 17, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Services (Department) included [REDACTED] Hearings Facilitator.

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly determined that Claimant was not disabled for purposes of the Medical Assistance (MA) and/or State Disability Assistance (SDA) benefit programs?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. Claimant applied for MA-P on March 8, 2013.
2. On August 9, 2013, the Medical Review Team denied MA-P.
3. On August 14, 2013, Claimant was sent a notice of case action.
4. On October 30, 2013, Claimant filed for hearing.

5. On January 13, 2014 the State Hearing Review Team denied MA-P.
6. On April 17, 2014, a hearing was held before the Administrative Law Judge.
7. In December, 2013, Claimant was denied SSI due to a negative disability determination by the Social Security Administration.
8. Claimant did not appeal this determination.
9. Claimant's Medicaid application did not claim an additional impairment or a change or deterioration in their condition that the Social Security Administration had not made a determination upon.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396-1396w-5, and is implemented by 42 CFR 400.200 to 1008.59. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and MCL 400.105.

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program, which provides financial assistance for disabled persons, was established by 2004 PA 344. The Department administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 *et seq.* and Mich Admin Code, Rules 400.3151 – 400.3180. Department policies are found in BAM, BEM, and RFT. A person is considered disabled for SDA purposes if the person has a physical or mental impairment which meets federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability standards for at least ninety days. Receipt of SSI benefits based on disability or blindness, or the receipt of MA benefits based on disability or blindness, automatically qualifies an individual as disabled for purposes of the SDA program.

Department policy at BEM 260 states a Claimant SSA's determination that disability or blindness does **not** exist for SSI is **final** for MA if the determination was made after 1/1/90, and no further appeals may be made at SSA or the client failed to file an appeal at any step. A determination may proceed however, if the Claimant alleges a totally different disabling condition than the condition SSA based its determination on, or an additional impairment(s) or change or deterioration in his/her condition that SSA has **not** made a determination on.

In the present case, the Claimant was found by the Social Security Administration to be ineligible for SSI benefits based upon disability. Claimant testified to this information, and the undersigned is satisfied as to Claimant's credibility. Claimant applied for SSI in 2013, and was denied SSI in an unfavorable appeals decision sometime before December 25, 2013. Claimant did not appeal that determination, and the time limit for an appeal has passed, making such a determination final. Therefore, as the Claimant has had a final determination of not disabled by the SSA, the Administrative Law Judge must find that that determination is final for the purposes of the MA-P programs.

Therefore, the undersigned finds that the Claimant does not meet the Department's definition of disabled for the purposes of MA-P programs.

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds Claimant disabled not disabled for purposes of the MA and/or SDA benefit program.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's determination is AFFIRMED REVERSED.



Robert J. Chavez
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: May 7, 2014

Date Mailed: May 7, 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.

The written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088 and be labeled as follows:

Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request

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If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

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P.O. Box 30639
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