

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2014-14624
Issue No(s): 2009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: April 1, 2014
County: Oakland County DHS #2

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Colleen Lack

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 April 1, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED] the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Eligibility Specialist.

During the hearing, Claimant waived the time period for the issuance of this decision, in order to allow for the submission of additional medical evidence. Instead, the Department has submitted an SOLQ report documenting a finding of disability by the Social Security Administration and Bridges printouts. (Exhibit C)

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly determined that Claimant was not disabled for purposes of the Medical Assistance (MA) benefit program?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On September 26, 2013, the Claimant applied for Medicaid.
2. On November 1, 2013, the Medical Review Team (MRT) found the Claimant not disabled.
3. The Department notified the Claimant of the MRT determination.

4. On November 13, 2013, the Department received the Claimant's timely written request for hearing.
5. On February 12, 2014, the State Hearings Review Team (SHRT) found the Claimant not disabled.
6. The Claimant alleged physical disabling impairments including: knee pain, severed tendon in left pinky, schizoaffective disorder, depression, and bi-polar.
7. The Claimant has been found disabled by the Social Security Administration with an onset date of July 31, 2013.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained in the Department of Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and Department of Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396-1396w-5; 42 USC 1315; the Affordable Care Act of 2010, the collective term for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152; and 42 CFR 430.10-.25. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10, and MCL 400.105-.112k.

A person eligible for Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) benefits based on disability or blindness meets the disability or blindness criteria. BEM 260 (7-1-2013), p. 1. Disability or blindness starts from the RSDI disability onset date established by the SSA. BEM 260, p. 2. A previously denied application is treated as if it is a pending application when the reason for the denial was that the Medical Review Team (MRT) determined the individual was not disabled and subsequently the Social Security Administration (SSA) finds the individual entitled to RSDI based on disability for some or all the time covered by the denied MA application. BEM 260, p. 2. If a client is not eligible for RSDI based on disability or blindness, MRT certifies disability or blindness. BEM 260, p. 3.

To be automatically eligible for MA, an SSI recipient must be a Michigan resident and cooperate with third-party resource liability requirements. BEM 150 (7-1-2013), p. 1. Ongoing MA eligibility begins the first day of the month of SSI entitlement. BEM 150, p. 1. Retro MA coverage is available back to the first day of the third calendar month prior to entitlement for SSI. BAM 115 (7-1-2013), p. 11. A separate determination of eligibility must be made for each of the three retro months. BAM 115, pp. 12-13. To be eligible for a retro MA month, the person must meet all financial and non-financial (i.e., be disabled) factors in that month and have unpaid medical expense incurred during the month or have been entitled to Medicare Part A. BAM 115, p. 13. A DHS-1171 (application) is not required for SSI recipients. BAM 115, p. 10.

In this case, the Department submitted an SOLQ report showing Claimant was approved for SSI with a disability onset date of July 31, 2013. (Exhibit C, page 4) Because of the Social Security Administration determination of a disability onset date prior the date of the Claimant's September 26, 2013 application for Medicaid, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability.


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 for purposes of the MA benefit program.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's determination is **REVERSED**.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO INITIATE THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. The Department shall initiate processing of the September 26, 2013, MA application, to determine if all other non-medical criteria are met and inform Claimant of the determination in accordance with Department policy.
2. The Department shall supplement for lost benefits (if any) that Claimant was entitled to receive, if otherwise eligible and qualified in accordance with Department policy



Colleen Lack
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 22, 2014

Date Mailed: July 22, 2014

NOTICE OF APPEAL: A party may appeal this Hearing Decision in the circuit court in the county in which he/she resides or has its principal place of business in the State, or the circuit court in Ingham County, within 30 days of the receipt date.

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Hearing Decision from the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) within 30 days of the mailing date of this Hearing Decision, or MAHS may order a rehearing or reconsideration on its own motion.

MAHS may grant a party's Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration 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 party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration 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 this Hearing Decision is mailed.

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