

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2014-30261
Issue No.: 2009; 4009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: July 8, 2014
County: Kent

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie

HEARING DECISION

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 upon Claimant's March 20, 2014 request for a hearing to protest the Department's denial of the Claimant's Medical Assistance and State Disability Assistance application. After due notice, an telephone hearing was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014. The Claimant personally appeared and testified on her own behalf with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Department was represented by [REDACTED], ES.

ISSUE

Whether Claimant meets the disability criteria for Medical Assistance (MA-P) and State Disability Assistance (SDA)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On October 10, 2013, the Claimant applied for MA and SDA with a retroactive MA-P application to July 2013.
2. On February 7, 2014, the Medical Review Team (MRT) denied the Claimant's MA-P and SDA, because the Claimant refuses treatment for correctable or treatable impairments, which was affirmed by the State Hearing Review Team (SHRT) on [REDACTED] for the Claimant being capable of performing simple, unskilled, light work.

3. Previous to the hearing, the Social Security Administration determined that the Claimant met the disability criteria for the SSI program with a disability onset date of [REDACTED].
4. This Administrative Law Judge finds, based on the objective medical evidence in the file that the Claimant is eligible for MA and SDA retroactive to [REDACTED] based on her MRT denial of her medical review pending a Department eligibility determination.

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.

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 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10 *et seq.* and Mich Admin Code, Rules 400.3151 – 400.3180. 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.

To be automatically eligible for MA, an SSI recipient must be a Michigan resident and cooperate with third-party resource liability requirements. BEM 150. Ongoing MA eligibility begins the first day of the month of SSI entitlement. BEM 150. Retro MA coverage is available back to the first day of the third calendar month prior to entitlement for SSI. BAM 115. A separate determination of eligibility must be made for each of the three retro months. BAM 115. 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. A DHS-1171 (application) is not required for SSI recipients. BAM 115.

Because of the Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability. PEM, Item 260; PEM, Item 261.

Based on the medical review denied on [REDACTED], the Claimant is eligible for MA-P and SDA retroactive to [REDACTED] pending an eligibility determination.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law decides that the Claimant meets the definition of medically disabled under MA-P and SDA retroactive to [REDACTED].

Accordingly, if it has not already done so, the Department is ORDERED to open an ongoing MA and SDA benefits for the Claimant retroactive to [REDACTED] pending an eligibility determination.



Carmen G. Fahie
Administrative Law Judge
For Maura D. Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 7/11/14

Date Mailed: 7/11/14

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 Claimant;
- 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.

A written request may be faxed or mailed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088 and be labeled as follows:

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Michigan Administrative Hearings
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