

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 14-011514
Issue No.: 2009; 4009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: November 19, 2014
County: Monroe

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Vicki Armstrong

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 November 19, 2014, from Monroe, Michigan. Claimant personally appeared and testified. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included Eligibility Specialist [REDACTED].

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly determined that Claimant was no longer disabled and denied her Redetermination for Medical Assistance (MA) and State Disability Assistance (SDA) based upon medical improvement?

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 June 1, 2014, Claimant submitted a Redetermination for MA and SDA.
2. On September 2, 2014, the Department's Medical Review Team (MRT) denied disability status.
3. Claimant's self-requested appeal hearing disputing these decisions was held on November 19, 2014.
4. At hearing, Claimant testified that she had been approved for SSI-disability.
5. Claimant provided this presiding Administrative Law Judge with verification of the Fully Favorable Social Security Administration's (SSA's) decision finding Claimant was disabled with a benefit entitlement effective February 25, 2013, well before Claimant filed her disputed MA/SDA Redetermination (See Finding of Fact #1 above).
6. The Department stipulated on the record during the hearing that Claimant's SSA approval establishes a disability allowance for MA/SDA eligibility purposes.

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.

In the present case, the SSA's disability allowance, received while Claimant's appeal was pending, currently establishes Claimant is disabled and has been disabled at all times relevant to her June 1, 2014, MA/SDA Redetermination.

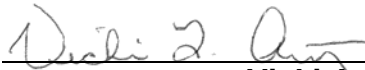
DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the Department erred in determining Claimant is not disabled.

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **REVERSED**, and it is ORDERED that:

1. The Department shall approve MA/SDA benefits back to June, 2014, for Claimant as long as she is otherwise eligible to receive them.
2. Departmental review of Claimant's medical condition is not necessary as long as her SSA disability status continues.

It is SO ORDERED.



Vicki Armstrong
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **11/21/2014**

Date Mailed: **11/21/2014**

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- 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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