

**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.: 2013 63904  
Issue No.: 2009,  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: February 5, 2014  
Wayne County DHS (82)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lynn M. Ferris**

**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 three-way telephone hearing was held on February 5, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant, [REDACTED], the Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative appeared on her behalf. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Eligibility Specialist, who appeared for [REDACTED] Eligibility Specialist, who is assigned to the case.

After the hearing was concluded, the State Hearing Review Team issued a Decision on June 2, 2014 which presented a fully favorable disability determination from the Social Security Administration ("SSA") issued May 2014 showing a disability onset date of May 12, 2012.

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly determined that the Claimant was not disabled for purposes of the Medical Assistance ("MA-P") and 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. The Claimant submitted an application for public assistance seeking MA-P and retro MA-P (March 2013) benefits on May 7, 2013.

2. On July 1, 2013, the Medical Review Team (“MRT”) found the Claimant not disabled.
3. The Department notified the Claimant of the MRT determination on July 8, 2013.
4. On August 8, 2013, the Department received the Claimant’s timely written request for hearing filed by Claimant’s AHR.
5. On May 21 2014, the Social Security Administration issued a fully favorable decision finding the Claimant disabled as of May 12, 2012.
6. On June 2, 2014, the State Hearing Review Team (“SHRT”) found the Claimant approved for Disability with an onset date of February 2013 based on a Social Security Determination and Decision.

### **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 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.

A previously denied MA application is treated as a pending application when MRT determined the Claimant was not disabled and subsequently, the SSA determines that the Claimant is entitled to RSDI based on his disability/blindness for some, or all, of the time covered by the denied MA application. BEM 260 All eligibility factors must be met for each month MA is authorized. BEM 260

In this case, the SSA approved the Claimant for social security benefits with the disability onset date of May 12, 2012. Based on the favorable SSA determination, it is

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not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability pursuant to BEM 260.

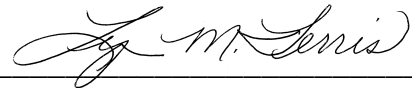
**DECISION AND ORDER**

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-P and/or SDA benefit program.

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 claimant's May 7, 2013 application for MA-P and any applicable retroactive period, (March 2013), and determine if all other non-medical criteria are met pursuant to Department policy based on the SHRT determination.
2. The Department shall notify the Claimant and the Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative of its determination.



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**Lynn M. Ferris**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: June 24, 2014

Date Mailed: June 24, 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).

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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

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

Michigan Administrative Hearings  
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