

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

RegNo. 2014-33556  
Issue No. 2009  
Case No. [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: July 2, 2014  
Genesee DHS  
County

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Carmen G. Fahie**

**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, in-person hearing was held on [REDACTED], from Flint, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant and her [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly determined that Claimant was not disabled for purposes of the Medical Assistance (MA-P) and Retroactive MA-P?

**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 February 28, 2014, the Claimant applied for MA-P and SDA.
2. On July 17, 2014, the SHRT considered the newly submitted objective medical evidence in making its determination of MA-P and SDA. The Claimant is [REDACTED] years old with a [REDACTED]. She alleges disability secondary due to degenerative joint disease (DJD), degenerative disc disease (DDD), dry eye, neuropathy, depression, anxiety, and fibromyalgia. The Claimant is not currently engaged in substantial gainful activity (SGA) based on the information in the file. The Claimant's impairments do not meet/equal the intent or severity of a Social Security listing. The medical evidence on the record indicates that the Claimant retains the capacity to perform sedentary exertional

work of simple and repetitive tasks. The Claimant's past work was [REDACTED]. As such, the Claimant would be unable to perform the duties associated with their past work. Likewise, the Claimant's past work skills will not transfer to other occupations. Based on the Claimant's vocational profile (advanced age individual, high school education, and history of employment), MA-P is approved using Vocational Rule 201.06 as a guide. Retroactive MA-P was considered in this case and is also approved to [REDACTED]. SDA is approved in accordance with BEM 261. This case needs to be reviewed to determine continuing benefits based on the SHRT decision.

### **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 is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department of Human Services (DHS or Department) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MAC R 400.3151-400.3180. Department policies are found in the Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

Because of the SHRT determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability, per Program Administrative Manual, Item 600.

The Department is required to initiate a determination of Claimant's financial eligibility for the requested benefits, if not previously done. The Claimant is eligible for MA-P retroactive to [REDACTED] based on the Claimant's [REDACTED] application with a medical review required [REDACTED].

**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 the MA-P retroactive to [REDACTED] and SDA based on the Claimant's [REDACTED] application with a medical review required [REDACTED].



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

Date Signed: 8/21/14

Date Mailed: 8/22/14

**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.

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P.O. Box 30639  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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