

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 15-006135
Issue No.: 4009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: May 21, 2015
County: Wayne (55)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Christian Gardocki

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; 7 CFR 273.15 to 273.18; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on May 21, 2015, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants included the above-named Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) included [REDACTED], specialist.

ISSUE

The issue is whether DHHS properly denied Claimant's State Disability Assistance (SDA) eligibility for the reason that Claimant is not a disabled individual.

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 [REDACTED], Claimant applied for SDA benefits.
2. Claimant's only basis for SDA benefits was as a disabled individual.
3. On [REDACTED], the Medical Review Team (MRT) determined that Claimant was not a disabled individual (see Exhibits 5-7).
4. On [REDACTED], DHHS denied Claimant's application for SDA benefits and mailed a Notice of Case Action (Exhibits 3-4) informing Claimant of the denial.
5. On [REDACTED], Claimant requested a hearing disputing the denial of SDA benefits.

6. As of the date of the administrative hearing, Claimant was a 50 year old female.
7. Claimant has not earned substantial gainful activity (SGA) since before the first month of benefits sought.
8. Claimant's highest education year completed was the 12th grade.
9. Claimant has no employment history amounting to SGA.
10. Claimant alleged disability based on mental impairments.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program which provides financial assistance for disabled persons is established by 2004 PA 344. DHHS administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MAC R 400.3151-400.3180. DHHS policies for SDA are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

SDA provides financial assistance to disabled adults who are not eligible for Family Independence Program (FIP) benefits. BEM 100 (1/2013), p. 4. The goal of the SDA program is to provide financial assistance to meet a disabled person's basic personal and shelter needs. *Id.* To receive SDA, a person must be disabled, caring for a disabled person, or age 65 or older. BEM 261 (1/2012), p. 1. A person is disabled for SDA purposes if he/she:

- receives other specified disability-related benefits or services, see Other Benefits or Services below, or
 - resides in a qualified Special Living Arrangement facility, or
 - is certified as unable to work due to mental or physical disability for at least 90 days from the onset of the disability; or
 - is diagnosed as having Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS).
- Id.*

There was no evidence that any of the above circumstances apply to Claimant. Accordingly, Claimant may not be considered for SDA eligibility without undergoing a medical review process (see BAM 815) which determines whether Claimant is a disabled individual. *Id.*, p. 3.

Generally, state agencies such as DHHS must use the same definition of SSI disability as found in the federal regulations. 42 CFR 435.540(a). Disability is federally defined as the inability to do any substantial gainful activity (SGA) by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12

months. 20 CFR 416.905. As noted above, SDA eligibility is based on a 90 day period of disability.

SGA means a person does the following: performs significant duties, does them for a reasonable length of time, and does a job normally done for pay or profit. *Id.*, p. 9. Significant duties are duties used to do a job or run a business. *Id.* They must also have a degree of economic value. *Id.* The ability to run a household or take care of oneself does not, on its own, constitute SGA. *Id.*

The person claiming a physical or mental disability has the burden to establish a disability through the use of competent medical evidence from qualified medical sources such as his or her medical history, clinical/laboratory findings, diagnosis/prescribed treatment, prognosis for recovery and/or medical assessment of ability to do work-related activities or ability to reason and make appropriate mental adjustments, if a mental disability is alleged. 20 CFR 413.913. An individual's subjective pain complaints are not, in and of themselves, sufficient to establish disability. 20 CFR 416.908; 20 CFR 416.929(a).

Federal regulations describe a sequential five step process that is to be followed in determining whether a person is disabled. 20 CFR 416.920. If there is no finding of disability or lack of disability at each step, the process moves to the next step. 20 CFR 416.920 (a)(4).

The first step in the process considers a person's current work activity. 20 CFR 416.920 (a)(4)(i). A person who is earning more than a certain monthly amount is ordinarily considered to be engaging in SGA. The monthly amount depends on whether a person is statutorily blind or not. "Current" work activity is interpreted to include all time since the date of application. The 2015 monthly income limit considered SGA for non-blind individuals is \$1,090.

Claimant credibly denied performing any employment since the date of the SDA application; no evidence was submitted to contradict Claimant's testimony. Based on the presented evidence, it is found that Claimant is not performing SGA and has not performed SGA since the date of application. Accordingly, the disability analysis may proceed to step two.

The second step in the disability evaluation is to determine whether a severe medically determinable physical or mental impairment exists to meet the 12 month duration requirement. 20 CFR 416.920 (a)(4)(ii). The impairments may be combined to meet the severity requirement. If a severe impairment is not found, then a person is deemed not disabled. *Id.* The 12 month durational period is applicable to MA benefits; as noted above, SDA eligibility requires only a 90 day duration of disability.

The impairments must significantly limit a person's basic work activities. 20 CFR 416.920 (a)(5)(c). "Basic work activities" refers to the abilities and aptitudes necessary to do most jobs. *Id.* Examples of basic work activities include:

- physical functions (e.g. walking, standing, sitting, lifting, pushing, pulling, reaching, carrying, or handling)
- capacities for seeing, hearing, and speaking, understanding; carrying out, and remembering simple instructions
- use of judgment
- responding appropriately to supervision, co-workers and usual work situations; and/or
- dealing with changes in a routine work setting.

Generally, federal courts have imposed a de minimus standard upon claimants to establish the existence of a severe impairment. *Grogan v. Barnhart*, 399 F.3d 1257, 1263 (10th Cir. 2005); *Hinkle v. Apfel*, 132 F.3d 1349, 1352 (10th Cir. 1997). *Higgs v Bowen*, 880 F.2d 860, 862 (6th Cir. 1988). Similarly, Social Security Ruling 85-28 has been interpreted so that a claim may be denied at step two for lack of a severe impairment only when the medical evidence establishes a slight abnormality or combination of slight abnormalities that would have no more than a minimal effect on an individual's ability to work even if the individual's age, education, or work experience were specifically considered. *Barrientos v. Secretary of Health and Human Servs.*, 820 F.2d 1, 2 (1st Cir. 1987). Social Security Ruling 85-28 has been clarified so that the step two severity requirement is intended "to do no more than screen out groundless claims." *McDonald v. Secretary of Health and Human Servs.*, 795 F.2d 1118, 1124 (1st Cir. 1986).

SSA specifically notes that age, education, and work experience are not considered at the second step of the disability analysis. 20 CFR 416.920 (5)(c). In determining whether Claimant's impairments amount to a severe impairment, all other relevant evidence may be considered. The analysis will begin with a summary of presented medical documentation.

A Psychiatric Evaluation (Exhibits 17-22) dated [REDACTED] was presented. The evaluation was noted as completed by a nurse practitioner. It was noted that Claimant felt "okay." It was noted that Claimant was compliant with medications and appointments. It was noted that Claimant was underweight. Noted observations and assessments of Claimant included the following: orientation x4, impaired recent memory, alert, normal concentration, good judgment, unremarkable thought content, normal stream of mental activity, unremarkable speech characteristics, unremarkable interview presentation, appropriate affect, no suicidal ideation. It was noted that Claimant could not spell "world" forward or backward. It was noted that Claimant could do basic currency addition. It was noted that Claimant lived independently, but received financial help from family and friends. Diagnoses of major depressive disorder (recurrent and moderate), anxiety disorder, and phobias were noted. Claimant's GAF was noted to be 52. A good/fair prognosis, with treatment, was noted.

A Psychiatric/Psychological Examination Report (Exhibits 12-14) dated [REDACTED] was presented. The form was completed by a treating psychiatrist with an approximate 4½ year history of treating Claimant. It was noted that Claimant had a long history of depression and fear of the public. Fears of heights, the police, and dogs were also noted. It was noted that Claimant attended monthly therapy appointments. Claimant's medications included Prozac and Zyprexa Zydis. Noted observations and assessments of Claimant included the following: odorous, clean clothing, orientation x3, good judgment, normal concentration, alert and aware, normal speech, and sad mood. It was noted that Claimant had no prior suicide attempts. Diagnoses of major depressive disorder (recurrent), anxiety disorder, and phobias were noted. Claimant's GAF was noted to be 52.

A Mental Residual Functional Capacity Assessment (MRFCA) (Exhibits 15-16) dated [REDACTED] was presented. The assessment was noted as completed by Claimant's treating psychiatrist. This form lists 20 different work-related activities among four areas: understanding and memory, sustained concentration and persistence, social interaction and adaptation. A therapist or physician rates the patient's ability to perform each of the 20 abilities as either "not significantly limited", "moderately limited", "markedly limited" or "no evidence of limitation". It was noted that Claimant was markedly restricted in all 20 listed work-related abilities.

A Consent for the Use of Medication form (Exhibit A1) dated [REDACTED] was presented. It was stated that Claimant had a psychiatric illness. It was noted that Claimant's physician recommended that Claimant take Cymbalta, Zyprexa Zydis, and anti-vertigo medication.

Claimant testified that she is not strong and sometimes needs help carrying groceries. Claimant testified that she is underweight and unable to lift heavy items. Psychiatric treatment documents referenced that Claimant was underweight. Claimant testified that she is 4'11" and weighs 105 pounds. Based on Claimant's stated height and weight, her body mass index is 21.2. A body mass index of 21.2 is understood to be a normal BMI. Zero treatment records for being underweight were presented. It is found that Claimant failed to establish restrictions related to her weight.

Claimant alleged that mental disorders impair her ability to work. Medical records verified that Claimant has a long history of depression treatment. Medical records also verified that Claimant has several phobias and difficulties around people.

Presented evidence sufficiently verified that Claimant has some degree of ongoing psychological restrictions adversely impacting her ability to sustain employment. It is found that Claimant established significant impairment to basic work activities for a period longer than 90 days. Accordingly, it is found that Claimant established having a severe impairment and the disability analysis may proceed to Step 3.

The third step of the sequential analysis requires a determination whether the Claimant's impairment, or combination of impairments, is listed in Appendix 1 of Subpart P of 20 CFR, Part 404. 20 CFR 416.920 (a)(4)(iii). If Claimant's impairments are listed and deemed to meet the 12 month requirement, then the claimant is deemed disabled. If the impairment is unlisted, then the analysis proceeds to the next step.

Claimant's most prominent impairment appears to be depression. Depression is an affective disorder covered by Listing 12.04 which reads as follows:

12.04 Affective disorders: Characterized by a disturbance of mood, accompanied by a full or partial manic or depressive syndrome. Mood refers to a prolonged emotion that colors the whole psychic life; it generally involves either depression or elation. The required level of severity for these disorders is met when the requirements in both A and B are satisfied, or when the requirements in C are satisfied.

A. Medically documented persistence, either continuous or intermittent, of one of the following:

1. Depressive syndrome characterized by at least four of the following:
 - a. Anhedonia or pervasive loss of interest in almost all activities; or
 - b. Appetite disturbance with change in weight; or
 - c. Sleep disturbance; or
 - d. Psychomotor agitation or retardation; or
 - e. Decreased energy; or
 - f. Feelings of guilt or worthlessness; or
 - g. Difficulty concentrating or thinking; or
 - h. Thoughts of suicide; or
 - i. Hallucinations, delusions, or paranoid thinking

OR

2. Manic syndrome characterized by at least three of the following:
 - a. Hyperactivity; or
 - b. Pressure of speech; or
 - c. Flight of ideas; or
 - d. Inflated self-esteem; or
 - e. Decreased need for sleep; or
 - f. Easy distractibility; or
 - g. Involvement in activities that have a high probability of painful consequences which are not recognized; or
 - h. Hallucinations, delusions or paranoid thinking

OR

3. Bipolar syndrome with a history of episodic periods manifested by the full symptomatic picture of both manic and depressive syndromes (and currently characterized by either or both syndromes);

AND

- B. Resulting in at least two of the following:

1. Marked restriction of activities of daily living; or
2. Marked difficulties in maintaining social functioning; or
3. Marked difficulties in maintaining concentration, persistence, or pace; or
4. Repeated episodes of decompensation, each of extended duration

OR

C. Medically documented history of a chronic affective disorder of at least 2 years' duration that has caused more than a minimal limitation of ability to do basic work activities, with symptoms or signs currently attenuated by medication or psychosocial support, and one of the following:

1. Repeated episodes of decompensation, each of extended duration; or
2. A residual disease process that has resulted in such marginal adjustment that even a minimal increase in mental demands or change in the environment would be predicted to cause the individual to decompensate; or
3. Current history of 1 or more years' inability to function outside a highly supportive living arrangement, with an indication of continued need for such an arrangement.

The most compelling evidence of marked restrictions was documented by Claimant's psychiatrist on a MRFCA. Claimant's psychiatrist stated that Claimant was marked restricted in each of the following work-related abilities:

- Remembering locations and other work-like procedures
- Understanding and remembering 1 or 2-step directions
- Understanding and remembering detailed instructions
- Carrying out simple 1-2 step directions.
- Carrying out detailed instructions
- Maintaining concentration for extended periods
- Performing activities within a schedule and maintaining attendance and punctuality
- Sustaining an ordinary routine without supervision
- Working in coordination or proximity to other without being distracting
- Completing a normal workday without psychological symptom interruption
- Interacting appropriately with the general public
- Asking simple questions or requesting assistance
- Accepting instructions and responding appropriately to criticism
- Getting along with others without exhibiting behavioral extremes
- Maintaining socially appropriate behavior and adhering to general cleanliness standards
- Responding appropriately to changes in the work setting
- Being aware of normal hazards and taking appropriate precautions
- Traveling to unfamiliar places including use of public transportation
- Setting realistic goals or making plans independently of others.

The above psychiatrist-stated restrictions, if accepted, are compelling evidence of disability. Treating source opinions cannot be discounted unless the Administrative Law Judge provides good reasons for discounting the opinion. *Rogers v. Commissioner*, 486 F. 3d 234 (6th Cir. 2007); *Bowen v Commissioner*.

If Claimant was markedly restricted in performing each above-listed ability, then not only would she be disabled, but daily life would be immensely difficult. A marked restriction in being aware of normal hazards would make Claimant susceptible to repeated injury unless Claimant was dependent on others; it was not disputed that Claimant lives independently. Being unable to remember or understand 1-2 step directions is indicative of major brain dysfunction requiring immense assistance from others; presented evidence established that Claimant needs financial assistance and psychiatric treatment, but no other type of assistance was verified. A marked restriction to maintaining concentration contradicts an evaluation which stated that Claimant's concentration was normal.

The generally unsupported restrictions could be explained by Claimant's lack of familiarity with the psychiatrist. Claimant testified that she typically sees a different psychiatrist than the one completing the MRFCA. Claimant testified that she only saw the psychiatrist who completed the MRFCA only once in her 4 ½ years of treatment.

Claimant's GAF was assessed to be 52. The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (4th edition) (DSM IV) states that a GAF within the range of 51-60 is representative of someone with moderate symptoms or any moderate difficulty in social, occupational, or school functioning. A GAF indicative of moderate restrictions is not consistent with being markedly restricted in every work-related ability listed on the MRFCA.

Overall, the evidence supported that psychiatrist-stated marked restrictions on the MRFCA were exaggerated and/or unsupported. Some of Claimant's testimony was also unsupported.

Claimant testified that she experiences suicidal thoughts on a weekly basis. A history of suicidal ideation was noted in a psychiatric evaluation though current or ongoing ideation was not noted.

Claimant testified that she attempted suicide in 2014 which resulted in a 1 week hospitalization. Claimant testified that she tried to overdose on her anti-depressant medication. Claimant's testimony contradicted psychiatric treatment documents which specifically noted no history of suicide attempts.

Claimant testified that she sometimes sees people who are not there. Claimant's testimony contradicted treatment documents which only noted that Claimant denied having hallucinations.

Presented evidence failed to support finding that Claimant meets the listing for depression or for anxiety disorders (Listing 12.06). It is found that Claimant failed to establish meeting a SSA listing. Accordingly, the analysis moves to step four.

The fourth step in analyzing a disability claim requires an assessment of the Claimant's residual functional capacity (RFC) and past relevant employment. 20 CFR 416.920(a)(4)(iv). An individual is not disabled if it is determined that a claimant can perform past relevant work. *Id.*

Past relevant work is work that has been performed within the past 15 years that was a substantial gainful activity and that lasted long enough for the individual to learn the position. 20 CFR 416.960(b)(1). Vocational factors of age, education, and work experience, and whether the past relevant employment exists in significant numbers in the national economy is not considered. 20 CFR 416.960(b)(3). RFC is assessed based on impairment(s), and any related symptoms, such as pain, which may cause physical and mental limitations that affect what can be done in a work setting. RFC is the most that can be done, despite the limitations.

Claimant testified that her only job from the past 15 years was when she worked from 1996-2008 as a cashier for a department store. Claimant testified that she only worked approximately 20 hours per week during her employment. Claimant testified that her income never exceeded \$1,000/month. No evidence was presented to contract Claimant's testimony.

Based on presented evidence, it is found that Claimant has no past relevant employment amounting to SGA income limits. Accordingly, it must be found that Claimant cannot return to performing past employment and the disability analysis may proceed to the final step.

In the fifth step in the process, the individual's RFC in conjunction with his or her age, education, and work experience, are considered to determine whether the individual can engage in any other substantial gainful work which exists in the national economy. SSR 83-10. While a vocational expert is not required, a finding supported by substantial evidence that the individual has the vocational qualifications to perform specific jobs is needed to meet the burden. *O'Banner v Sec of Health and Human Services*, 587 F2d 321, 323 (CA 6, 1978). Medical-Vocational guidelines found at 20 CFR Subpart P, Appendix II, may be used to satisfy the burden of proving that the individual can perform specific jobs in the national economy. *Heckler v Campbell*, 461 US 458, 467 (1983); *Kirk v Secretary*, 667 F2d 524, 529 (CA 6, 1981) *cert den* 461 US 957 (1983).

To determine the physical demands (i.e. exertional requirements) of work in the national economy, jobs are classified as sedentary, light, medium, heavy, and very heavy. 20 CFR 416.967. The definitions for each are listed below.

Sedentary work involves lifting of no more than 10 pounds at a time and occasionally lifting or carrying articles like docket files, ledgers, and small tools. 20 CFR 416.967(a). Although a sedentary job is defined as one which involves sitting, a certain amount of walking and standing is often necessary in carrying out job duties. *Id.* Jobs are sedentary if walking and standing are required occasionally and other sedentary criteria are met.

Light work involves lifting no more than 20 pounds at a time with frequent lifting or carrying objects weighing up to 10 pounds. 20 CFR 416.967(b) Even though weight lifted may be very little, a job is in this category when it requires a good deal of walking or standing, or when it involves sitting most of the time with some pushing and pulling of arm or leg controls. *Id.* To be considered capable of performing a full or wide range of light work, an individual must have the ability to do substantially all of these activities. *Id.* An individual capable of light work is also capable of sedentary work, unless there are additionally limiting factors such as loss of fine dexterity or inability to sit for long periods of time. *Id.*

Medium work involves lifting no more than 50 pounds at a time with frequent lifting or carrying of objects weighing up to 25 pounds. 20 CFR 416.967(c). An individual capable of performing medium work is also capable of light and sedentary work. *Id.*

Heavy work involves lifting no more than 100 pounds at a time with frequent lifting or carrying of objects weighing up to 50 pounds. 20 CFR 416.967(d). An individual capable of heavy work is also capable of medium, light, and sedentary work. *Id.*

Finally, very heavy work involves lifting objects weighing more than 100 pounds at a time with frequent lifting or carrying objects weighing 50 pounds or more. 20 CFR 416.967(e). An individual capable of very heavy work is able to perform work under all categories. *Id.*

Limitations or restrictions which affect the ability to meet the demands of jobs other than strength demands are considered nonexertional. 20 CFR 416.969a(a). Examples of non-exertional limitations include difficulty functioning due to nervousness, anxiousness, or depression; difficulty maintaining attention or concentration; difficulty understanding or remembering detailed instructions; difficulty in seeing or hearing; difficulty tolerating some physical feature(s) of certain work settings (i.e. can't tolerate dust or fumes); or difficulty performing the manipulative or postural functions of some work such as reaching, handling, stooping, climbing, crawling, or crouching. 20 CFR 416.969a(c)(1)(i)-(vi) If the impairment(s) and related symptoms, such as pain, only affect the ability to perform the non-exertional aspects of work-related activities, the rules in Appendix 2 do not direct factual conclusions of disabled or not disabled. 20 CFR 416.969a(c)(2)

The determination of whether disability exists is based upon the principles in the appropriate sections of the regulations, giving consideration to the rules for specific

case situations in Appendix 2. *Id.* In using the rules of Appendix 2, an individual's circumstances, as indicated by the findings with respect to RFC, age, education, and work experience, is compared to the pertinent rule(s).

Claimant failed to establish any severe exertional restrictions. The fifth step analysis will consider only Claimant's non-exertional restrictions.

Claimant testified that she spends her days reading the Bible and listening to gospel music. Claimant testified that she gets nervous when around other people. Claimant testified that she had a panic attack when she was recently stuck, by herself, on an elevator for 30 minutes. Claimant testified that she recently had to be walked back to her room after she had a panic attack in apartment complex's community room.

Claimant testified that she goes to church every week. Claimant testified that church attendance is bearable because only about 10-15 people attend the services. Claimant testified that she has no problems with shopping.

Claimant's psychologist's descriptions of Claimant's odor was concerning. Claimant's odor was described as horrendous, breath-stifling, and ongoing for a year. Claimant testimony indicated that she thought the odor was a physical problem, not one of hygiene. Claimant testimony conceded that she received health insurance since April 2014. Claimant could not explain why she hadn't used her health insurance to pursue physician treatment. Consideration was given to blaming Claimant's failure to pursue physician treatment on her psychological obstacles; such a conclusion would be purely speculative. Claimant is able to shop and attend psychotherapy; thus, Claimant appears very capable of pursuing medical treatment.

Presented evidence verified that Claimant has some phobias and depression symptoms. Some degree of social interaction restriction was established. Thus, Claimant appears incapable of performing employment involving regular customer service jobs (e.g. cashier, sales...). Claimant's phobias of police, heights, and dogs might preclude Claimant from performing outdoor employment. Evidence sufficiently established that Claimant would have difficulty with semi-complex employment (e.g. bookkeeping, supervisory positions). Claimant appears capable of performing jobs involving physical labor (e.g. stockperson, assembly) and office jobs (e.g. data entry and clerical). DHHS did not present evidence of the availability of jobs within Claimant's capabilities, however, Claimant's restrictions are not deemed to be so limiting that such evidence is necessary. It is presumed that ample employment opportunities are available to Claimant. Accordingly, Claimant is not a disabled individual and it is found that DHHS properly denied Claimant's SDA application.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that DHHS properly denied Claimant's SDA benefit application dated [REDACTED]

██████ based on a determination that Claimant is not disabled. The actions taken by DHHS are **AFFIRMED**.



Christian Gardocki
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

Date Signed: **5/28/2015**

Date Mailed: **5/28/2015**

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NOTICE OF APPEAL: A party may appeal this Hearing Decision in the circuit court in the county in which he/she resides, 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.

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:

Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request

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

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