

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 15-002895
Issue No.: 4009
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 26, 2015
County: Genesee-District 2

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, a telephone hearing was held on Thursday, March 26, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Hearing Facilitator.

ISSUE

Whether the Department properly determined that Claimant was not disabled for purposes of the 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. On November 17, 2014, the Claimant applied for SDA.
2. On January 13, 2015, the Medical Review Team (MRT) denied the Claimant's application for SDA per BEM 261 because the nature and severity of the Claimant's impairment's would not preclude work activity at the above stated level for 90 days.
3. On February 19, 2015, the Department Caseworker sent the Claimant a notice that his application was denied.
4. On February 26, 2015, the Department received a hearing request from the Claimant, contesting the Department's negative action.
5. The Claimant is a 53 year-old man whose date of birth is [REDACTED]. The Claimant is 6' 1" tall and weighs 255 pounds. The Claimant has completed High School and a bachelors and a master's in Business Administration. The Claimant can read and write and do basic math. The Claimant was last

- employed as a roofing salesman in October 2013. The Claimant has also been employed as a food salesman and plant supervisor.
6. The Claimant's alleged impairments are arthritis, degenerative disc disease, major depression, bipolar disorder, and concussions.
 7. On March 28, 2014, the Claimant received an unfavorable ruling from the Social Security Disability Determination Appeals Council, which is a controlling ruling.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained in the Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and Department of Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

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).

This is a case in which the Disability Determination Service has denied the SSI claim in the past 12 months. Since the allegations are the same, the Social Security Appeals Decision is required to be used as the basis for this decision. Therefore, Claimant's application for SDA is denied and no further analysis is required.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the Department correctly determined that Claimant is not currently disabled for SDA eligibility purposes. The Disability Determination Service has denied the Claimant's SSI claim in the past 12 months.

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **UPHELD**.



Carmen G. Fahie
Administrative Law Judge
for Nick Lyon, Director
Department of Health and Human
Services

Date Signed: **4/27/2015**

Date Mailed: **4/27/2015**

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- 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.

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