

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

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MAHS Reg. No.: 15-016154  
Issue No.: 4009  
Agency Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: December 09, 2015  
County: Lake

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

**HEARING DECISION**

Following Petitioner'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 December 9, 2015, from Lansing, Michigan. The Claimant had previously been approved for Social Security benefits. The Petitioner was not present for the hearing. The Department was represented by [REDACTED], Hearing Specialist.

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department properly determined that Petitioner 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 May 18, 2015, Claimant applied for SDA.
2. Before the hearing, the Social Security Administration determined that the Claimant met the disability criteria for the SSI program with a disability onset date of June 2015.
3. This Administrative Law Judge finds, based on the objective medical evidence in the file, that the Claimant is eligible for MA retroactive to June 2015 based on his May 18, 2015 SDA application, pending a Department eligibility determination.

### **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 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.

To be automatically eligible for SDA, an SSI recipient must be a Michigan resident and cooperate with third-party resource liability requirements. BEM 150. Ongoing SDA eligibility begins the first day of the month of SSI entitlement. BEM 150.

Because of the Social Security Administration determination, it is not necessary for the Administrative Law Judge to discuss the issue of disability. PEM, Item 260; PEM, Item 261.

Based on this application filed on May 18, 2015, the Claimant is eligible for SDA retroactive to June 2015.

**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 SDA based on the Claimant's May 18, 2015 application.

Accordingly, if it has not already done so, the Department is ORDERED to open an ongoing SDA case for the Claimant effective June 2015.



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

Date Mailed: **12/16/2015**

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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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