

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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MAHS Reg. No.:

15-019183

Issue No.:

4001

Hearing Date:

February 04, 2016

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; 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; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on February 4, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was present and testified on her own behalf. The Department was represented by ██████████, Eligibility Specialist, who testified on the behalf of the Department.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close the Claimant's State Disability Assistance (SDA) benefits because she lost her appeal with the Social Security Appeals Council?

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 was a recipient of SDA benefits with a medical review date of August 2015.
2. On May 15, 2015, the Claimant received an unfavorable ruling from the Social Security Disability Determination Appeals Council, which is a controlling ruling.
3. On September 29, 2015, the Medical Review Team (MRT) denied disability based on the prior SS Appeals Council denial.
4. On October 16, 2015, the Department sent the Claimant, a notice that her SDA case was closed based on the SS denial of her appeal.

5. On October 27, 2015, the Department received a hearing request from the Claimant, contesting the Department's negative action.

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 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 Department of Health and Human Services) administers the MA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10, and MCL 400.105-.112k.

This is a case in which the Disability Determination Service has denied the SSI claim in the past [REDACTED] months. Since the allegations are the same, the Social Security Appeals Decision has precedence and is required to be used as the basis for this decision. Therefore, Claimant's SDA case 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 SS Disability Determination Service has denied the Claimant's SSI claim in the past [REDACTED] 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 Mailed: 02/18/2016

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A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Hearing Decision from 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.

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