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Date Mailed: April 11, 2018  
MAHS Docket No.: 18-001668  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Janice Spodarek

**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; 42 CFR 438.400 to 438.424; 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 3/15/18, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Kimberly Reed, Assistance Payments Lead Worker (APLW).

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's SDA application?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. In [REDACTED] 2017, Petitioner applied for SDA based on disability. On 2/19/18 the MRT denied.
2. On [REDACTED] Petitioner filed another SDA application based on disability. The APLW contacted Petitioner and asked her if she was alleging any new or different medical conditions than the conditions alleged in the [REDACTED] 2017 application. Petitioner indicated that she was not.
3. On 2/29/18 the Department denied Petitioner's application on the grounds that Petitioner did not meet eligibility criteria, or any of the exceptions.
4. On 2/12/18 Petitioner filed a hearing request.

## 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), Department of Health and Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

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

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program is established by the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b. The Department of Health and Human Services (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers the SDA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3151-.3180

In this case, application specific policy is found in BAM 815. Under this policy, when there has been a new disability application, the Department is to start the medical determination process again if the application is alleging new or different medical conditions than was alleged in the prior application.

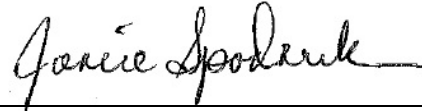
Here, unrefuted evidence is that Petitioner was not alleging any different, new or worsening conditions than were alleged in the [REDACTED] 2017 application. As such, Petitioner had no eligibility and the Department was required to deny the subsequent application pursuant to BAM 815.

It is also noted that in the alternative, Petitioner did not meet any of the other eligibility criteria/exceptions for eligibility.

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it denied Petitioner's [REDACTED] SDA application.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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



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Janice Spodarek  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Nick Lyon, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**: A party may appeal this Order in circuit court within 30 days of the receipt date. A copy of the circuit court appeal must be filed with the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Order if the request is received by MAHS within 30 days of the date the Order was issued. The party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration must provide the specific reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration.

A written request may be mailed or faxed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088; Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

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

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