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Docket No.: 25-010005

Case No.: [REDACTED]

Petitioner: [REDACTED]

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### 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 hearing was held via telephone conference on April 3, 2025. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Ahmed Elrag and Errol Jackson. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-33 was received and admitted.

### ISSUE

Did the Department properly process Petitioner's State Disability Assistance (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. On January [REDACTED] 2025, Petitioner applied for SDA.
2. On January [REDACTED] 2025, a Medical Determination Verification Checklist was sent to Petitioner.
3. On February [REDACTED] 2025, a Notice of Case Action was sent to Petitioner informing her that her SDA application was denied for failing to submit required documents.

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4. On March █ 2025, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the denial of SDA.
  5. On March █ 2025, the case was reviewed and Petitioner's medical packet was forwarded to the Medical Review Team for consideration of disability. At the time of hearing, Petitioner's SDA application was still pending awaiting determination from the Medical Review Team.

### **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 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.

#### **Medical Certification of Disability**

When the person does not meet one of the criteria under Other Benefits or Services or Special Living Arrangements, follow the instructions in BAM 815, Medical Determination and Disability Determination Service (DDS), Steps for Medical Determination Applications. The DDS will gather and review the medical evidence and either certify or deny the disability claim based on the medical evidence. The DDS will deny the disability claim if the medical evidence shows that substance abuse is a contributing factor material to the determination of disability. The DDS may approve the disability claim if the medical evidence shows that substance abuse is not material to the determination of the disability. BEM 261

In this case, Petitioner's SDA application was reinstated and her medical review documents were forwarded to the Medical Review Team for consideration of disability. At the time of hearing, Petitioner's SDA application was still pending awaiting determination from the Medical Review. The Department followed policy in processing Petitioner's SDA application. BEM 261

Petitioner raised issues with regard to her previous SDA applications, it was explained that the undersigned Administrative Law Judge only had jurisdiction to address Department action that took place with 90 days of her request for hearing. BAM 600

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**DECISION AND ORDER**

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 processed Petitioner's SDA application.

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

*Aaron McClintic*

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**AARON MCCLINTIC  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

**APPEAL RIGHTS:** Petitioner may appeal this Hearing Decision to the circuit court. Rules for appeals to the circuit court can be found in the Michigan Court Rules (MCR), including MCR 7.101 to MCR 7.123, available at the Michigan Courts website at [courts.michigan.gov](https://courts.michigan.gov). The Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) cannot provide legal advice, but assistance may be available through the State Bar of Michigan at <https://lrs.michbar.org> or Michigan Legal Help at <https://michiganlegalhelp.org>. A copy of the circuit court appeal should be sent to MOAHR. A circuit court appeal may result in a reversal of the Hearing Decision.

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