



STATE OF WISCONSIN
Division of Hearings and Appeals

In the Matter of

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DECISION

MDD/154947

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed August 20, 2013, under Wis. Stat. § 49.45(5), and Wis. Admin. Code § HA 3.03(1), to review a decision by the Oconto County Department of Health And Human Services in regard to Medical Assistance, a telephone hearing was held on March 04, 2014.

The issue for determination is whether the petitioner is disabled.

There appeared at that time the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Respondent:

Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street, Room 651
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

By: No Appearance

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Peter McCombs
Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner is a resident of Oconto County.
2. Petitioner applied for MA on May 17, 2013. By letter dated August 14, 2013, the Bureau found that petitioner was not disabled. Petitioner sought reconsideration, but the Bureau affirmed its determination on January 16, 2014.
3. Prior to the MA application, petitioner also applied for Social Security disability benefits and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Those benefits were denied on August 9, 2012, with findings of no disability.

4. The record does not contain allegations of a new medical impairment, nor worsening of the impairments considered in the Social Security decision.

DISCUSSION

A person between ages 18 and 65, with no minor children, must be blind or disabled to be eligible for MA. A finding of disability must be in accordance with federal social security/SSI standards. See Wis. Stat. § 49.47(4)(a)4. Because the standards are the same, a finding of no disability for Social Security/SSI purposes made within 12 months of the MA application is binding on a State Medicaid (MA) agency. Exceptions may occur only if certain conditions exist such as allegations of a different disabling condition or changes in the previously considered conditions. None of the exceptions apply here. See 42 C.F.R. § 435.541(a); see also U.S. Department of Health and Human Services commentary, 54 Fed. Reg. 236 (1989).

Because petitioner has been denied Social Security/SSI following a finding of no disability, I must conclude that petitioner is not eligible for MA.

At hearing, petitioner noted that she was in need of a disability finding in order to obtain health care coverage. Petitioner may wish to consider applying for Wisconsin Medicaid online at either <https://access.wisconsin.gov> or www.healthcare.gov. From January 1, 2014 forward, a person with income below \$11,170 may not have to prove that she is disabled to qualify for Wisconsin Medicaid.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Petitioner is not disabled as that term is used for MA purposes pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 49.47(4).

THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

That the petition for review is dismissed.

REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

You may request a rehearing if you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law or if you have found new evidence that would change the decision. Your request must be **received within 20 days after the date of this decision**. Late requests cannot be granted.

Send your request for rehearing in writing to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400 **and** to those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your rehearing request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and explain why you did not have it at your first hearing. If your request does not explain these things, it will be denied.

The process for requesting a rehearing may be found at Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

APPEAL TO COURT

You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be filed with the Court **and** served either personally or by certified mail on the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, **and** on those identified in this decision as “PARTIES IN INTEREST” **no more than 30 days after the date of this decision** or 30 days after a denial of a timely rehearing (if you request one).

The process for Circuit Court Appeals may be found at Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

Given under my hand at the City of Madison,
Wisconsin, this 17th day of April, 2014

\sPeter McCombs
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on April 17, 2014.

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