



STATE OF WISCONSIN
Division of Hearings and Appeals

In the Matter of

[REDACTED]

DECISION

MAP/158207

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed April 28, 2014, under Wis. Stat. § 49.45(5), and Wis. Admin. Code § HA 3.03, to review a decision by the Disability Determination Bureau (DDB or Bureau) in regard to Medical Assistance/MAPP, a hearing was held on July 16, 2014, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. With the petitioner’s consent, the hearing record was held open for 14 days for submission of medical records.

The issue for determination is whether petitioner is disabled for MAPP purposes.

There appeared at that time and place the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:

Petitioner:

[REDACTED]

Respondent:

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

By: No Appearance
Disability Determination Bureau
722 Williamson St.
Madison, WI 53703

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Nancy J. Gagnon (telephonically)
Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner is a resident of Milwaukee County.
2. Petitioner applied for MA/MAPP on November 5, 2013. By letter dated April 17, 2014, the Bureau found that petitioner was not disabled. Petitioner sought reconsideration, but the Bureau affirmed its determination on June 6, 2014.

3. Prior to or concurrently with the MA/MAPP application, petitioner also applied for Social Security disability benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Those benefits were denied on April 10, 2014, with findings of no disability.
4. The petitioner does not allege any new medical impairment in addition to the impairments considered in the Social Security decision. He also did not document any 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. This MA/MAPP decision has no effect on any appeal that the petitioner may have pending before the Social Security Administration.

If the petitioner's household income is under 100% of the federal poverty level (\$1,310 gross monthly for two persons), the petitioner may wish to consider applying for BadgerCare Plus health insurance at his local county human services department or online at www.access.wi.gov. He will not have to prove disability to qualify for the BadgerCare Plus insurance if the household income is under this level.

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 26th day of August, 2014

\sNancy J. Gagnon
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on August 26, 2014.

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