STATE OF MICHIGAN STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

Claimant

Reg. No.: 2009-10285 Issue No.: 5032 Case No.: Load No.: Hearing Date: June 2, 2010 Wayne County DHS (18)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; MSA 16.409 and MCL 400.37; MSA 16.437 upon the Claimant's request a telephone hearing was held on June 2, 2010. The Claimant appeared and testified.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did the Department properly deny the Claimant's application for State Emergency Assistance (SER) to pay rent?

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 November 20, 2008, the claimant filed an application for shelter relocation.
- 2. On November 20, 2008, the department denied the SER application.
- 3. On November 25, 2008, the Claimant filed a request for a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Emergency Relief (SER) program is established by 2004 PA 344. The SER program is administered pursuant to MCL 400.10, et seq., and by final administrative rules filed with the Secretary of State on October 28, 1993. MAC R 400.7001-400.7049. Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (SER).

At the time of application the income limit for SER was \$445.00. (ERM 206, p. 5) The earned income for the claimant at the time of application was \$647.00 per month and unearned income of \$281.00. The adjusted net income after subtracting taxes was \$728.30, a figure well above the income limit of \$445.00.

This ALJ finds that the department was correct in denying the claimant's SER application.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, AFFRIMS the Department's decision.

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Michael J. Bennane Administrative Law Judge for Ismael Ahmed, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: _6/29/2010____

Date Mailed: _6/29/2010____

NOTICE: Administrative Hearings may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a party within 30 days of the mailing date of this Decision and Order. Administrative Hearings will not order a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's

motion where the final decision cannot be implemented within 90 days of the filing of the original request.

The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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