STATE OF MICHIGAN

STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2010-16716

Issue No.: 5026

Case No.: Load No.:

Hearing Date: October 14, 2010

Wayne County DHS (82)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Michael J. Bennane

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon the claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on October 14, 2010. The claimant appeared and testified.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did the Department properly deny the Claimant's State Emergency Relief (SER)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. On December 3, 2009, the claimant filed an application for SER rent.
- 2. On December 10, 2009, the department denied the claimant's SER rent application because the shortfall was equal to or greater than the need.
- 3. On December 16, 2009, 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).

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Here, the department first denied the claimant's SER application because the shortfall was greater than the need.

Application Denial

If the copayment, shortfall, contribution or combination exceeds the need, the application may be denied. (ERM 103, p.3).

Here the claimant owed \$2,430.00 in back rent

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, AFFIRMS the Department's decision in the instant case.

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

Date Signed: 10/26/2010

Date Mailed: ____10/26/2010_____

<u>NOTICE</u>: 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 mailing 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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