

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2010-55805
Issue No.: 6000
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: January 3, 2011
DHS County: Wayne (82-31)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; and MCL 400.37 upon Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a hearing was held on January 3, 2011. Claimant appeared and testified. [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department).

ISSUE

Did the department properly deny claimant's application for Direct Support Services (DSS)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Claimant applied for DSS for a purchase of a vehicle in or around March of 2010.
2. The Department denied Claimant's DSS application on July 9, 2010.
3. At the hearing, the Department agreed to reprocess Claimant's DSS application that it denied on July 9, 2010, as the proposed vehicle for purchase is no longer subject to a lien. As a result of this agreement, Claimant indicated that she no longer wished to proceed with the hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department assists families to achieve self-sufficiency. The primary avenue to self-sufficiency is employment. DHS and the Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs) provide DSS to help families become self-sufficient. DSS are goods and services provided to help families achieve self-sufficiency. DSS includes Employment Support Services

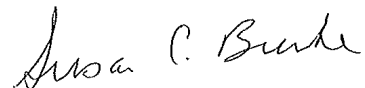
(ESS) and Family Support Services (FSS) that directly correlate to removing an employment-related barrier. BEM 232.

Under Bridges Administrative Manual Item 600, clients have the right to contest any Department decision affecting eligibility or benefit levels whenever they believe the decision is illegal. The department provides an Administrative Hearing to review the decision and determine if it is appropriate. Department policy includes procedures to meet the minimal requirements for a fair hearing. Efforts to clarify and resolve the client's concerns start when the department receives a hearing request and continues through the day of the hearing.

In the present case, the Department has agreed to reprocess Claimant's DSS application that it denied on July 9, 2010, as the proposed vehicle for purchase is no longer subject to a lien. As a result of this agreement, Claimant indicated she no longer wished to proceed with the hearing. Since Claimant and the Department have come to an agreement, it is unnecessary for this Administrative Law Judge to make a decision regarding the facts and issues in this case.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides that the Department and Claimant have come to a settlement regarding Claimant's request for a hearing. Therefore, it is ORDERED that the Department reprocess Claimant's DSS application that it denied on July 9, 2010, in accordance with this settlement agreement.



Susan C. Burke
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: January 11, 2011

Date Mailed: January 18, 2011

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.

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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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