

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 201013739
Issue No.: 5016
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Load No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: September 23, 2010
Wayne County DHS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Aaron McClintic

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 September 23, 2010. The Claimant appeared and testified. [REDACTED] appeared on behalf of the Department.

ISSUE

Was the Department correct in determining Claimant's State Emergency Relief eligibility?

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 SER benefits on November 6, 2009.
- (2) Claimant's application for SER for non-heat electricity was denied.
- (3) Claimant's application for SER for heat was approved for \$41.03 benefit with a \$725.77 co-payment.
- (4) Claimant had net monthly income of \$2,253 from social security and worker's compensation.
- (5) Claimant requested a hearing on November 24, 2009 contesting the determination of SER benefits.

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. The Department of Human Services’ [formally known as the Family Independence Agency] policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (“ERM”). State Emergency Relief (“SER”) prevents serious harm to individuals and families by assisting applicants with safe, decent, affordable housing and other essential needs when an emergency situation arises. ERM 101, p. 1.

In the present case, Claimant could not articulate what she disputed about the Department’s determination. Claimant did not disagree with the amount of income or the amount of the utility bills. Claimant had net monthly income of \$2,253 from social security and worker’s compensation. The Department’s denial of SER payment for electricity and approval for \$41.03 in benefit with a \$725.77 copayment for heat is proper and correct.

DECISION AND ORDER

This Administrative Law Judge decides that the Department was correct in the determination of SER benefits, and it is ORDERED that the Department’s decision in this regard be and is hereby AFFIRMED.

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Aaron McClintic
Administrative Law Judge
For Ismael Ahmed, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: September 29, 2010

Date Mailed: September 29, 2010

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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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