

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No: 201055825  
Issue No: 5018  
Case No: [REDACTED]  
Load No: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
November 3, 2010  
Monroe County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Gary F. Heisler

**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 November 3, 2010. Claimant appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services properly deny Claimant's August 10, 2010 application for 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 August 10, 2010 Claimant submitted an application for State Emergency Relief (SER) to help make their mortgage payment.
- (2) On August 11, 2010 the State Emergency Relief (SER) application was denied because Claimant's home was not in foreclosure.
- (3) On September 15, 2010 Claimant submitted a request for 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 (DHS or department) policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (SER).

Department policy provides the following guidance for case workers. The Department's policies are available on the internet through the Department's website.

## **ERM 304 HOME OWNERSHIP**

### **DEPARTMENT POLICY**

SER helps to prevent loss of a home if no other resources are available and the home will be available to provide safe shelter for the SER group in the foreseeable future. SER also assists with home repairs to correct unsafe conditions and restore essential services.

**Covered Services** The following services are covered by this item:

1. Home ownership services.
  - House payments (mortgage, land contract payment or mobile home sales contract), including principal and interest, legal fees and escrow accounts for taxes and insurance.
  - Property taxes and fees.
  - Mobile home lot rent for owners or purchasers of mobile homes.
  - House insurance premiums that are required pursuant to the terms of a mortgage or land contract.
2. Energy-related home repairs.
3. Non-energy-related home repairs.

### **Home Ownership Services**

Home ownership services payments are only issued to save a home threatened with loss due to:

- Mortgage foreclosure.
- Land contract forfeiture.
- Tax foreclosure or sale.
- Court-ordered eviction of a mobile home from land or a mobile home park.
- Repossession for failure to meet an installment loan payment for a mobile home.

The lifetime home ownership services maximum is \$2,000. The lifetime maximum is the combined cumulative total of all home ownership service payments. Individual services (house payments, property taxes, etc.) do not have separate lifetime maximums.

At the time of this application Claimant's home was not in foreclosure. Claimant was not eligible for State Emergency Relief (SER) assistance.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the Department of Human Services properly deny Claimant's August 10, 2010 application for State Emergency Relief (SER).

It is ORDERED that the actions of the Department of Human Services, in this matter, are UPHeld.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary F. Heisler  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Ismael Ahmed, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: November 18, 2010

Date Mailed: November 19, 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 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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