

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2010-8875  
Issue No.: 4003  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: August 9, 2010  
Wayne County DHS (43)

**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 August 9, 2010. The claimant appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close the claimant's State Disability Assistance (SDA)?

**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 November 1 2009, the department closed the claimant's SDA.
2. On October 19, 2009, the Claimant filed a request for a hearing.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program which provides financial assistance for disabled persons is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 *et seq.*, and MAC 4 400.3151-400.3180. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

At the hearing the department claimed it had no knowledge of an active SDA case in the claimant's name. The department did submit documents that show that there had been an active SDA case for the claimant.

**DISABILITY**

A person is disabled for SDA purposes if he:  
Receives other specified disability-related benefits or services, see Other Benefits or Services below, or  
Resides in a qualified Special Living Arrangement facility, or  
Is certified as unable to work due to mental or physical disability for at least 90 days from the onset of the disability.  
Is diagnosed as having Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS), see [Medical Certification of Disability \(PEM261, p.1\)](#).

I find that the department was unable to address the issues raised by the claimant.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, REVERSES AND ORDERS the department to reregister the claimant's SDA applications back to the date of closure November 1, 2009, and replace lost benefits.



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

Date Signed: 8/20/2010

Date Mailed: 8/20/2010

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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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