

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:  
Issue

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2011-25897  
No.: 5032  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: May 23, 2011  
DHS County: Oakland (04)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Michael J. Bennane

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; MSA 16409 and MCL 40037; MSA 16.437 upon the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on May 23, 2011. The Claimant was present and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services (Department) properly deny the Claimant's State Emergency Services (SER) application?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. On December 10, 2010, the Claimant applied for SER for a shelter emergency.
2. On December 10, 2010, the Department denied the SER application because the Claimant did not meet any of the "emergency" criteria.
3. On January 7, 2011, 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. The Department (formerly known as the Family

Independence Agency) policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (SER).

In the instant case the Department denied the SER application because the Claimant was living with her brother on a temporary basis and there was no housing emergency.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Authorize relocation services only if one of the following circumstances exists and all other SER criteria are met.

#### **Homeless**

The SER group is homeless. The definition of homeless includes:

Persons living in an emergency shelter or motel, in HUD-funded transitional housing for homeless persons who originally came from the street, in a car on the street or in a place unfit for human habitation and there is no housing they can return to. Groups who voluntarily left their home, but can return without a threat to their health or safety, are not homeless.

Persons exiting jail, prison, a juvenile facility, a hospital, a medical setting, foster care, a substance abuse facility or a mental health treatment setting with no plan or resources for housing and no housing to return to.

Persons who meet the eligibility requirements for one of the following homeless assistance programs:

Homeless Assistance Recovery Program (HARP).

Transitional Supportive Housing Leasing Assistance Program (TSHLAP).

Transition In Place Leasing Assistance Program (TIPLAP).

Rapid Re-Housing Leasing Assistance.

Temporary Basic Rental Assistance (TBRA) funded by MSHDA.

A person/family eligible for one of the above homeless assistance programs may be living with others temporarily, may no longer be in a shelter or may be

in housing with the grant paying their rent. These are only temporary programs until a permanent housing voucher becomes available or the group is able to pay their own rent, whichever comes before 24 months.

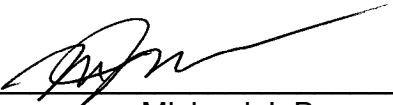
A HUD transitional facility refers only to housing that has been acknowledged by HUD for assisting homeless persons who originally came from the street or an emergency shelter who need permanent housing but are waiting for placement. The group may be in a transitional facility for up to 24 months. A person eligible for HUD-funded permanent transitional housing is also considered homeless. (ERM 303, pp. 1-2).

Here, the Claimant was not homeless and was seeking assistance in moving her belongings from [REDACTED]

This Administrative Law Judge finds that the Department was correct in denying the Claimant's application.

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on 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 Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: June 27, 2011

Date Mailed: June 27, 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.

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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