

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2011-25913  
Issue No.: 4000  
Case No. [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date:  
May 9, 2011  
Wayne County DHS

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

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; MSA 16.409 and MCL 400.37; MSA 16.437 upon the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on May 9, 2011. The Claimant personally appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the department properly process the claimant's State Disability Assistance (SDA)?

**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 [REDACTED], the claimant filed an application for SDA.
2. On [REDACTED], the department sent the claimant a verification checklist requesting various pieces of information/documentation.

3. On [REDACTED], the department denied the claimant's SDA application for failure to provide the requested verifications.
4. On [REDACTED], the Claimant requested 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 R 400.3151-400.3180. Department policies are found in the Program Administrative Manual (PAM), the Program Eligibility Manual (PEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

#### **Obtaining Verification**

##### **All TOA**

Tell the client what verification is required, how to obtain it, and the due date; see **Timeliness of Verifications** in this item. Use the DHS-3503, Verification Checklist (VCL), or for MA redeterminations, the DHS-1175, MA Determination Notice, to request verification.

For FAP only, if there is a system-generated due date on the verification form such as a DHS-3688, Shelter Verification, a verification checklist is not required to be sent with the verification form.

Use the DHS-3503C, Verification Checklist for Citizenship/Identity, to request documentation of citizenship or identity for FIP, SDA, MA or AMP determinations.

The client must obtain required verification, but you must assist if they need and request help.

If neither the client nor you can obtain verification despite a reasonable effort, use the best available information. If **no** evidence is available, use your best judgment. (BAM 130, p. 2-3).

The law provides that disposition may be made of a contested case by stipulation or agreed settlement. MCL 24. 278(2). In the instant case, the parties reached an accord. The Department agreed to reregister the claimant's February 18, 2011, SDA application and accept the claimant's documentation.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and

conclusions of law, REVERSES AND ORDERS the Department to reregister the claimant's February 18, 2011, SDA application and accept the claimant's documentation. .



Michael J. Bennane  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: June 8, 2011

Date Mailed: June 8, 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 receipt 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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