

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

IN THE MATTER OF:  
Issue



Reg. No.: 2011-30705  
No.: 4000  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: May 25, 2011  
DHS County: Macomb (36)

**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; M SA 16.437 upon the Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice a telephone hearing was held on May 25, 2011. The Claimant personally appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services (Department) properly close 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 March 4, 2011, the Department determined that the Claimant was not eligible for SDA.
2. On March 8, 2011, 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 (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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

In the instant case, the Department closed the Claimant's SDA because it found that the Claimant had entered the United States on [REDACTED] later than the date that would have qualified her.

**FIP, SDA, MA and AMP**

Alien admitted into the U. S. with one of the following immigration statuses:

Permanent resident alien with a class code on the I-551 other than RE, AM or AS.

Alien paroled into the U.S. for at least one year under INA section 212(d)(5).

**Exception (both statuses above):** The eligibility of an alien admitted into the U.S. on or after August 22, 1996 with one of these statuses is restricted as follows unless the alien is a qualified military alien or the spouse or dependent child of a qualified military alien:

**For FIP,** he is disqualified for the first five years in the U.S.

**For SDA,** he is disqualified.

**For MA and AMP** he is limited to emergency services for the first five years in the U.S. (BEM 225, p. 5).

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 accept documentation of the Claimant's date of entry into the USA and approve her SDA if appropriate.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that the Department and Claimant have come to an agreement and ORDERS the Department to accept documentation of the Claimant's date of entry into the USA and approve her SDA if appropriate.



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

Date Signed: June 29, 2011

Date Mailed: June 29, 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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