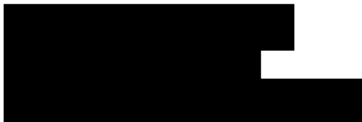


STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No: 2011-8906
Issue No: 5005
Case No: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 17, 2011
Ottawa 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 March 17, 2011. Claimant's legal gaurdian appeared and testified.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Human Services properly deny the November 29, 2010 application for burial services for Claimant?

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 October 23, 2010, Claimant passed away.
2. On October 29, 2010, Claimant was cremated.
3. On November 29, 2010, Claimant's legal guardian submitted an application for burial services for Claimant.
4. On November 30, 2010, an Application Eligibility Notice form (DHS-1150) was sent out denying the application.
5. On January 3, 2011 Claimant's legal guardian 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 306 BURIALS

DEPARTMENT POLICY

State Emergency Relief (SER) assists with burial when the decedent's estate, mandatory copays, etc. are not sufficient to pay for:

- Burial.
- Cremation.
- Costs associated with donation of a body to a medical school.

The decedent's remains **must** be in Michigan.

Application

An application for SER burial must be made no later than 10 calendar days after the date the burial, cremation or donation takes place.

There is no dispute that the application was more than 10 days after Claimant's cremation.

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 denied the November 29, 2010 application for burial services for Claimant.

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 Maura D. Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: _____

Date Mailed: _____

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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