

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2011-19235  
Issue No.: 5026  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: April 6, 2011  
Oakland County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** [REDACTED]

**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 April 6, 2011. The Claimant appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny the Claimant's State Emergency Relief (SER)?

**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 November 3, 2010, the Claimant filed an application for SER rent and electricity.
2. On August 9, 2010, the Department denied the rent portion of the Claimant's SER application.
3. On August 19, 2010, 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. Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (SER).

**Affordability Calculation**

In this item, total housing obligation means the total amount the SER group must pay for rent, house payment, mobile home lot rent, property taxes and required insurance premiums. Renters can have a higher total housing obligation if heat, electricity and/or water/cooking gas are included.

See chart at the end of this item or the SER Quick Reference Charts - Services, Payment Maximums and Coding Desk Aid in Systems Instructions Codes Manual; see SIC [DSKADSER](#).

Authorize SER for services only if the SER group has sufficient income to meet ongoing housing expenses. An SER group that cannot afford to pay their ongoing housing costs plus any utility obligations will not be able to retain their housing, even if SER is authorized.

Deny SER if the group does not have sufficient income to meet their total housing obligation. The total housing obligation cannot exceed 75 percent of the group's total net countable income. (ERM 207, p. 1).

The Claimant's monthly income is [REDACTED]. The Claimant owed [REDACTED] in back rent. This housing does not meet the affordability standards stated above.

**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.

[REDACTED]

Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

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Date Signed: May 19, 2011

Date Mailed: May 19, 2011

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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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