

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201111683  
Issue No.: 4020  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: February 17, 2011  
Macomb 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 16409 and MCL 40037; MSA 16.437 upon the claimants request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on February 17, 2011. The claimant personally appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny the Claimant's State Disability Assistance (SDA) case?

**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 applied for (SDA).
2. On [REDACTED] the department denied the claimant's SDA.
3. On [REDACTED], 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 of Human Services

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(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).

The Department cites BEM 225. In part BEM 225 says:

**SDA**

A qualified alien who was receiving SSI on August 22, 1996.

A qualified alien who was lawfully residing in the U.S. (see below). on August 22, 1996, and is now blind or disabled according to SSI standards. (BEM 225, p. 7).

Here, the claimant did not enter the United States until [REDACTED].

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, AFFIRMS the Department's actions in the instant case.



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

Date Signed: May 27, 2011

Date Mailed: May 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.

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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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