

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2011-41546  
Issue No.: 2014  
[REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: August 18, 2011  
DHS County: Oakland (02)

**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 from Detroit, Michigan on August 18, 2011. The claimant appeared personally and was represented by [REDACTED]

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services (Department) properly deny 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. The Department denied the claimant's SDA due to excess income.
2. On June 10, 2011, the claimant filed a request for a hearing.

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 Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Bridges Reference Manual (BRM).

The claimant receives \$463.00 in monthly RSDI benefits.

**Deficit Test**

**FIP, RAPC and SDA Only**

Bridges compares budgetable income for the income month

to the certified group's payment standard for the benefit month. The group is ineligible for the benefit month if no deficit exists. (BEM 518, p. 2)

Here, the claimant's net income is above the limit for receiving SDA. The claimant has a MA group of one and the limit is \$269.00 per month. The department was correct in denying the claimant's SDA benefits.

This Administrative Law Judge sympathizes with the claimant but there is nothing that can be done to change the above equation.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, AFFIRMS the Department decisions in this matter.



Michael  
Administrative  
for  
Department

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J. Bennane  
Law Judge  
Maura Corrigan, Director  
of Human Services

Date Signed: August 29, 2011

Date Mailed: August 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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