

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

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Monroe

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** C. Adam Purnell

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 following Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on October 20, 2011, from Lansing, Michigan. Claimant personally appeared and provided testimony. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], JET Case Manager.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's request for State Emergency Relief (SER) assistance with shelter emergency?

**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 August 29, 2011, Claimant applied for SER assistance with shelter emergency.
2. On September 7, 2011, the Department sent notice of the application denial to Claimant.
3. On September 13, 2011, the Department received Claimant's hearing request, protesting the SER denial.

**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, 1993 AACS R

400.7001-400.7049. Department policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

The SER program assists individuals and families to resolve or prevent homelessness by providing money for rent, security deposits, and moving expenses. ERM 303. In order to be eligible for SER relocation services, an applicant must be homeless. ERM 303. Homelessness is defined as: emergency shelter, motel, HUD-funded transitional housing, exiting jail, prison, a juvenile facility, hospital, medical setting, foster care, substance abuse treatment center or mental health facility with no plan or resources for housing and no housing to return to. ERM 303.

Housing affordability is a condition of eligibility for SER. ERM 207. The Department will authorize SER for services only if the SER group has sufficient income to meet ongoing housing expenses. ERM 207. If the SER group does not have sufficient income to meet total housing obligations, the Department will deny eligibility. ERM 207. The total housing obligation cannot exceed 75 percent of the group's total net countable income. ERM 207.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department  properly denied  improperly denied Claimant's SER application for assistance with shelter emergency.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department  did act properly.  did not act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED REVERSED for the reasons stated on the record.



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C. Adam Purnell  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 10/25/11

Date Mailed: 10/25/11

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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.

Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

- A rehearing **MAY** be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
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  - misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision,
  - typographical errors, mathematical error , or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that effect the substantial rights of the claimant;
  - the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision

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