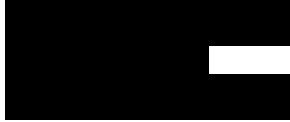


STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2011-5483  
Issue No.: 5016  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: January 13, 2011  
Wayne County DHS (57)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Michael J. Bennane

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon the claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on January 13, 2011. The claimant appeared and testified.

**ISSUE**

Did the department properly deny the Claimant's application for State Emergency Assistance (SER) to pay rent?

**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 claimant filed an application for shelter relocation.
2. On September 22, 2010, the department denied the SER application.
3. On October 13, 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. Michigan Administrative Code Rules 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 (ERM).

**COVERED SERVICES**

**Heating, Electric or Deliverable Fuels**

When the group's heating or electric service for their current residence is in threat of or is already off and service must be restored, payment may be authorized to the provider up to the fiscal year cap. Payment must resolve the emergency by restoring or continuing the service for at least 30 days. (ERM 301, p.1).

At the hearing the claimant testified that she had been living at a different address than the address that she applied for assistance for.

This ALJ finds that the department was correct in denying the claimant's SER application.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, AFFRIMS the Department's decision.



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

Date Signed: 2/16/2011

Date Mailed: 2/16/2011

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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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