

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 2012 51092  
Issue No.: 5003  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: October 25, 2012  
County: Wayne County DHS (49)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Lynn M. Ferris

**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 25, 2012, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], FIS.

**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 1/17/12, Claimant applied for SER assistance requesting shelter emergency rent assistance as a result of her FIP case closing due to exceeding FIP time limits, so that she could receive assistance for a 3 month period. The Claimant only received one month of rent assistance. (Exhibits 6 and 7)
2. On 2/27/12, the Department sent notice of the application denial to Claimant, for the reason that "the group does not meet program requirements and that the Central Office has rejected temporary rental assistance request." (Exhibit 2)
3. On April 30, 2012, 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, 1999 AC, Rule 400.7001 through Rule 400.7049. Department policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

Additionally, at the hearing the Department did not have a hearing file for this case, so the undersigned's file was faxed to the Department. The documents showed that the Claimant applied for emergency housing relief on 1/17/12 and was denied on 2/27/12. (Exhibits 7 and 2). The Claimant credibly testified that when her FIP case closed, she sought emergency rent assistance due to FIP closure based upon 48/60 month limits. The Department's decision notice indicated that Claimant did not meet program requirement and commented that the Central office rejected temporary rental assistance request. The Department could not advise the basis for the application denial, and therefore did not meet its burden of proof.

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.

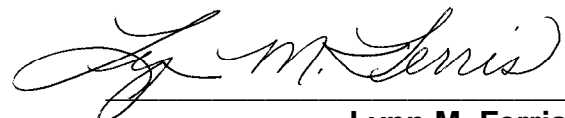
**DECISION AND ORDER**

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.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. The Department shall reregister the Claimant's SER application dated 1/17/12 (Exhibit 7), and shall process the application to determine the Claimant's eligibility for emergency housing (rent) assistance due to her FIP case closure due to time limits and process the application accordingly.



**Lynn M. Ferris**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 10/30/2012

Date Mailed: 10/30/2012

**NOTICE:** Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) 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. MAHS 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 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.

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.
- A reconsideration **MAY** be granted for any of the following reasons:
  - 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.

Request must be submitted through the local DHS office or directly to MAHS by mail at  
Michigan Administrative Hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
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