

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201265788  
Issue No.: 5017  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: March 11, 2013  
County: Wayne (18)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Alice C. Elkin

**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 March 11, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant and [REDACTED] Claimant's friend. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Assistance Payment Supervisor, and [REDACTED], Assistance Payment Worker.

**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 July 9, 2012, Claimant applied for SER assistance with shelter emergency.
2. On July 16, 2012, the Department sent a SER Decision Notice to Claimant.
3. On July 20, 2012, the Department received Claimant's hearing request, protesting the SER decision.

**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, Michigan Administrative Code, Rules 400.7001 through 400.7049. Department policies are found in the Department of Human Services State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

Claimant filed an application on July 7, 2012, requesting SER assistance with payment of roof repairs to her home. The evidence established that the lowest estimate Claimant was able to receive was for \$8100.


In a July 16, 2012 SER Decision Notice, the Department approved Claimant's application and agreed to pay \$1500 upon Claimant's verification of payment of \$6600, the remaining balance of the \$8100 repair, by August 7, 2012. The lifetime maximum for non-energy related home repairs, which include roof repairs, is \$1500. ERM 304 (June 1, 2010), pp 2-3. Thus, the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it agreed to pay \$1500 towards Claimant's roof repairs and required her to pay the \$6600 balance. Because Claimant admitted she could not make her \$6600 payment, the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it failed to make any payment towards the roof repairs. ERM 401 (April 1, 2012), p 2.

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 home repairs.

**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 above and on the record.

  
**Alice C. Elkin**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 3/14/2013

Date Mailed: 3/14/2013

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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  
P. O. Box 30639  
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