

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 2013-10086  
Issue No.: 5017  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: April 22, 2013  
County: Wayne (43)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Susan C. Burke

**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 April 22, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], FIM.

**ISSUE**

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

**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 September 21, 2012, Claimant applied for SER assistance with shelter emergency, requesting, among other services, assistance for Home Repairs in the amount of \$2,900.00.
2. On October 4, 2012, the Department sent notice of the application denial to Claimant, but did not address the Home Repairs request.
3. On November 1, 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).

In the present case, on September 21, 2012, Claimant applied for SER for, among other services, Home Repairs, in the amount of \$2,900.00. (Exhibit 10, p. 1) The Department issued a State Emergency Relief Decision Notice on October 4, 2012, but did not address the request for Home Repairs, although it did address such services requested as non-heat electricity, heat-natural gas/wood/other, water or sewage, and property taxes. (Exhibit 11, pp. 1-3)

ERM 103, p. 4 (2012) instructs the Department to Inform all SER applicants in writing of the decision made on their application. Since the Department did not inform Claimant of its decision in writing with regard to Home Repairs, the Department did not properly deny Claimant's SER request for assistance with respect to Home Repairs.

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**

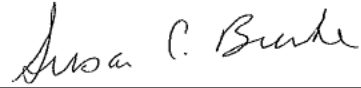
The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department  
 did act properly.       did not act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED REVERSED for the reasons stated 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. Initiate reinstatement and reprocessing of Claimant's application of September 21, 2012, for SER Home Repairs only.

2. Issue a written State Emergency Relief Decision addressing Claimant's SER request for Home Repairs.



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**Susan C. Burke**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: April 24, 2013

Date Mailed: April 24, 2013

**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.

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