

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2013-4465
Issue No.: 5026
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: March 28, 2013
County: Wayne (31)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jan Leventer

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 28, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Eligibility Specialist.

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 or about September 14, 2012, Claimant applied for SER assistance with shelter emergency.
2. On September 27, 2012, the Department sent notice of the application denial to Claimant.
3. On October 2, 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, in order to receive emergency rent assistance, the customer must either be homeless or potentially homeless. Department of Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM) 303 (2012). In this case, at the time Claimant applied for SER, she was not homeless, but she was potentially homeless.

ERM requires a potentially homeless person to provide an eviction order or court summons regarding eviction, and neither a demand for possession or a notice to quit is sufficient for this purpose. *Id.*, p. 5.

In this case the document presented is a demand for rent and costs, in which it states that the landlord *can apply* for an eviction order in the future. Dept. Exh. 1, p. 10, paragraph 4a. The Judgment is not signed by a judge or a deputy clerk. There is no date of signature of any court official. Only the landlord's attorney has signed the document, and not a court of law.


In summary, there is nothing about this document that proves that an eviction has been, or will be ordered. Therefore, the Claimant has failed to establish potential homelessness and she is not entitled to SER benefits. The Department shall be affirmed and no further action is necessary, with regard to the denial of SER shelter assistance of September 27, 2012.

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.



Jan Leventer
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: March 28, 2013

Date Mailed: March 28, 2013

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

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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 affect the substantial rights of the claimant:
 - failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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Michigan Administrative Hearings
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P. O. Box 30639
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