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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 201310165

Issue No.: 5020

Case No.:

Hearing Date: April 4, 2013
County: April 4, 2013

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary F. Heisler

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9; and MCL 400.37 upon claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a hearing was held on April 4, 2013. Claimant appeared and testified.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did the Department of Human Services properly deny Claimant's October 3, 2012 State Emergency Relief (SER) application due to excess income?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

- (1) On October 3, 2012, Claimant submitted an application for State Emergency Relief (SER)
- (2) On October 22, 2012, Claimant was sent a Decision Notice State Emergency Relief (DHS-1419) which stated his request was denied due to excess income.
- (3) On November 2, 2012, Claimant submitted a request for 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. MAC R 400.7001-400.7049.

Department of Human Services (DHS or department) policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (SER).

During this hearing Claimant's Social Security Administration benefit amount was verified as \$ per month. Department of Human Services State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM) 208 (2012) shows the SER energy services' income need standard for a group of 1 is \$ Claimant exceeds the income standard for SER energy services' income need standard.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, decides the Department of Human Services properly denied Claimant's October 3, 2012 State Emergency Relief (SER) application due to excess income.

It is ORDERED that the actions of the Department of Human Services, in this matter, are UPHELD.

<u>/s/</u>

Gary F. Heisler Administrative Law Judge for Maura D. Corrigan, Director Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 4/29/13

Date Mailed: 4/30/13

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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.

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

- A rehearing <u>MAY</u> be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
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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 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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