

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201325118
Issue No.: 5025
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: June 13, 2013
County: Macomb 36

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 following Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on June 13, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included herself. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] and AP supervisor [REDACTED].

ISSUE

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

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 January 2, 2013, Claimant applied for SER assistance with her [REDACTED].
2. On January 2, 2013, the Department sent notice of the application denial to Claimant.
3. On January 11, 2013, 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).

It is undisputed that Claimant's home was not in tax foreclosure or sale. State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM) 304 (2012) page 1 states that home ownership services payments for property taxes are only issued to save a home threatened with loss due to tax foreclosure or sale.

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 Claimant's SER application for assistance with property taxes.

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 properly denied Claimant's SER application for assistance with property taxes.

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

/s/

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

Date Signed: 7/1/13

Date Mailed: 7/1/13

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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.
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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
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request
P. O. Box 30639
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