

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201350858  
Issue No.: [REDACTED]  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: July 18, 2013  
County: Monroe

**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 July 18, 2013. Claimant appeared and testified. The Department was represented by [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Did the Department of Human Services properly deny Claimant's State Disability Assistance (SDA) application because she failed to provide required verifications?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. Claimant applied for State Disability Assistance (SDA) benefits.
2. On April 10, 2013, Claimant was sent a Medical Determination Verification Checklist (DHS-3503-MRT) requesting medical records from Mercy Hospital and Monroe County Mental Health. The required records were due on April 22, 2013.
3. On May 14, 2013, the Department had not received the required records. The Department denied Claimant's application and sent Claimant notice of the denial.
4. On May 29, 2013, Claimant filed a hearing request.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program which provides financial assistance for disabled persons is established by 2004 PA 344. The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 1998-2000 AACRS R 400.3151-400.3180.

During this hearing Claimant testified that she may have misunderstood about the hospital records and did not get them. A detailed analysis of the evidence presented, applicable Department policies, and reasoning for the decision are contained in the recorded record. During the hearing Claimant was informed of the decision and the reasoning behind the decision.

**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 of Human Services properly denied Claimant's State Disability Assistance (SDA) application because she failed to provide required verifications.

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: 07/26/2013

Date Mailed: 07/29/2013

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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 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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