

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

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Reg. No.: 2013-47513  
Issue No.: 5005  
Case No.: ██████████  
Hearing Date: July 31, 2013  
County: Oakland (04)

**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 a request for a hearing submitted by Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR). After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on July 31, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant and Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative, ██████████, of Welfare Rights. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████, ES.

**ISSUE**

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

**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 April 1, 2013, Claimant applied for SER assistance for the burial of her spouse in the amount of \$750.00. (Exhibit 1, p. 33)
2. On April 3, 2013, the Department sent notice of the application denial, stating that the amount requested was a total of \$4,700.00. (Exhibit 1, p. 40)
3. On May 9, 2013, the Department received a hearing request protesting the denial of SER assistance with burial.

**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, the Department processed Claimant's SER application in which Claimant requested an amount of \$750.00. However, in its denial, the Department indicated that the amount requested was \$4,700.00. The Department did not process the application for the proper amount requested, therefore, it was not correct in its decision to deny Claimant's request for SER burial.

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 improperly denied the SER application for burial.

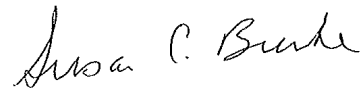
**DECISION AND ORDER**

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

Accordingly, the Department's decision is REVERSED for the reasons stated within 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 April 1, 2013.
2. Issue a new SER Decision Notice to Claimant and Claimant's Authorized Hearing Representative.



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

Date Signed: August 29, 2013

Date Mailed: August 29, 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.

Request must be submitted through the local DHS office or directly to MAHS by mail at  
Michigan Administrative Hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P. O. Box 30639  
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