

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

IN THE MATTER OF:

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Reg. No.: 2014-5890
Issue No(s): 2000; 3000; 4001
Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: December 18, 2013
County: Emmet (24)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

HEARING DECISION

Following Claimant's request for a hearing, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and 400.37; 7 CFR 273.15 to 273.18; 42 CFR 431.200 to 431.250; 45 CFR 99.1 to 99.33; and 45 CFR 205.10. After due notice, a hearing was held on December 18, 2013, in Petoskey, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████, ES, and ██████████, AP Supervisor.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Claimant's State Disability Assistance (SDA) case?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. Claimant received SDA based on participating in Michigan Rehabilitative Services (MRS).
2. The Department closed Claimant's case due to Claimant not returning verification that she was participating in MRS.
3. Claimant was no longer participating in MRS at the time of the closure of her case.
4. Claimant requested a hearing regarding SDA and Adult Medical Program (AMP).
5. During the hearing, Claimant stated that she no longer requested a hearing regarding AMP.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained in the Department of Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), Department of Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

The Adult Medical Program (AMP) is established by 42 USC 1315 and is administered by the Department pursuant to MCL 400.10.

The State Disability Assistance (SDA) program is established by the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b. The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3151-.3180.

Per BEM 260, a person is eligible to receive SDA if she participates in MRS.

In the present case, the Department closed Claimant's case due to Claimant not returning information regarding Claimant participating in the MRS program. Claimant requested a hearing because she was not given enough time to submit the information. However, Claimant stated that she no longer participated with MRS at the time of the closure of the case, so any error on the part of the Department is considered harmless, as Claimant would not have been able to submit the information even if she had been given additional time by the Department. Claimant may apply for SDA based on disability.

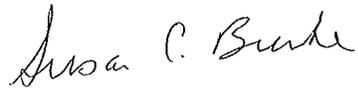
In addition, Claimant testified at the hearing that she no longer requested a hearing regarding AMP.

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department acted in accordance with Department policy when it closed Claimant's SDA case. In addition, Claimant's hearing request regarding AMP is dismissed pursuant to Claimant's request at the hearing.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's SDA decision is AFFIRMED.

It is further ORDERED that Claimant's hearing request regarding AMP is DISMISSED pursuant to Claimant's request at the hearing.



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

Date Signed: December 26, 2013

Date Mailed: December 26, 2013

NOTICE OF APPEAL: 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 or Reconsideration was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the Decision and Order of Reconsideration or Rehearing Decision.

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A Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration may be granted when one of the following exists:

- Newly discovered evidence that existed at the time of the original hearing that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision;
- Misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision which led to a wrong conclusion;
- Typographical, mathematical or other obvious error in the hearing decision that affects the rights of the client;
- Failure of the ALJ to address in the hearing decision relevant issues raised in the hearing request.

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