

**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.: 2013-37889
Issue No.: 1018
Case No.: ██████████
Hearing Date: June 19, 2013
County: Gogebic

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 Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a hearing was held on June 19, 2013, in Bessemer, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included ██████████, County Director, ██████████ and ██████████, FIM. ██████████ Agent of the Office of Inspector General, was also present.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's application for cash assistance under the State Disability Assistance (SDA) program?

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 applied for cash benefits under the SDA program on March 15, 2013.
2. On March 20, 2013, the Department denied Claimant's application due to excess income.
3. Claimant's gross income per month at the time of his application for SDA was \$1,911.00. (Exhibit 1, p. 11)
4. On March 20, 2013, the Department sent Claimant notice of the denial. (Exhibit 1, p.1)

5. On March 26, 2013, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the denial of the application. (Exhibit 1, p.8)

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained 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 of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the SDA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 2000 AACCS, Rule 400.3151 through Rule 400.3180.

In the present case, Claimant applied for cash benefits under the SDA program on May 15, 2013. On March 20, 2013, the Department denied Claimant's application due to excess income. Claimant did not deny at the hearing that his gross income per month at the time of his application for SDA was \$1,911.00, exceeding the SDA standard of \$200.00 per month for an individual. (RFT 225).

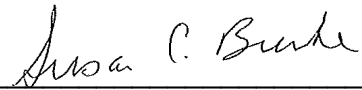
Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department properly denied Claimant's application for SDA.

It is noted that on March 26, 2013, Claimant signed a request for hearing regarding Cash Assistance, Medicaid, Child Development and Care, Food Assistance, and State Emergency Relief. Claimant's hearing requests were addressed in registration numbers, 2013-37887, 2013-37888, 2013-37889, 2013-37891, and 2013-42889. In addition, in Claimant's hearing request, he struck through all check boxes for all benefits, including Child Development and Care. However, Claimant does not claim to have children under his care, as he testified that he is the only member in his benefits group. Therefore, Child Development and Care is not addressed herein.

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 did act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's SDA decision is AFFIRMED for the reasons stated within the record.



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

Date Signed: June 25, 2013

Date Mailed: June 26, 2013

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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 mailing 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 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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