

**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.: 2013-43337  
Issue No.: 5025  
Case No.: ██████████  
Hearing Date: July 9, 2013  
County: Ingham

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Carmen G. Fahie

**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 Tuesday, July 9, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included, the Claimant. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included, Marcella Coleman, FIM.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's request for State Emergency Relief (SER) assistance with a shelter emergency because her housing was not affordable?

**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 April 10, 2013, Claimant applied for SER assistance with shelter emergency.
2. On April 12, 2013, the Department sent notice of the application denial to Claimant because her housing was no longer affordable.
3. On April 19, 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, R

400.7001 through Rule 400.7049. Department policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

Additionally, the Claimant had a reduction in income, which makes her housing no longer affordable. As a result, she is not eligible for assistance from SER. The Department has met their burden that the Claimant is not eligible for SER assistance because she has had a reduction in income, which makes her housing no longer affordable. The Claimant has a rental expense of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in unearned income. Department Exhibit 4. Therefore, the Department properly determined based on policy that the Claimant's housing was not affordable. ERM 207 and 303.

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       improperly denied  
Claimant's SER application for assistance with shelter emergency.

**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.       did not act properly.

Accordingly, the Department's decision is  **AFFIRMED**  **REVERSED** for the reasons stated on the record.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Carmen G. Fahie**  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 07/19/2013

Date Mailed: 07/22/2013

**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  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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