

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 14-002130  
Issue No.: 5007  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: August 4, 2014  
County: WAYNE-DISTRICT 35

**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 telephone hearing was held on August 4, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Hearings Facilitator.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly process Claimant's request for State Emergency Relief (SER) assistance with utility/energy services?

**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 [REDACTED], the Department sent Claimant an SER Decision Notice, stating that the Department would make a utility payment on behalf of Claimant upon Claimant's payment of \$404.98.
2. Claimant made payment to her utility provider in the amount of \$304.00
3. The Department did not make its payment to Claimant's utility provider
4. On [REDACTED], Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the SER decision.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The State Emergency Relief (SER) program is established by the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b. The SER program is administered by the Department (formerly

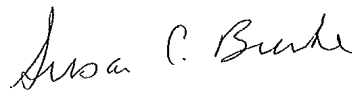
known as the Family Independence Agency) pursuant to MCL 400.10 and by Mich Admin Code, R 400.7001 through R 400.7049. Department policies are found in the Department of Human Services State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

In the present case, the Department sent Claimant an SER Decision Notice, stating that the Department would make a utility payment on behalf of Claimant upon Claimant's payment of \$404.98. Claimant made payment to her utility provider in the amount of \$304.00. The Department did not make its payment to Claimant's utility provider. Claimant stated that Department representatives said they would waive the \$100.00 shortfall. However, Claimant did not present written proof of such waiver. Therefore, the Department was correct in its decision to not make a payment to Claimant's utility provider, as Claimant did not make a payment in the full amount required.

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

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's SER decision is AFFIRMED.



Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: **8/26/2014**

Date Mailed: **8/26/2014**

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL:** A party may appeal this Hearing Decision in the circuit court in the county in which he/she resides, or the circuit court in Ingham County, within 30 days of the receipt date.

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Hearing Decision from the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) within 30 days of the mailing date of this Hearing Decision, or MAHS may order a rehearing or reconsideration on its own motion.

MAHS may grant a party's Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration 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.

The party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration must specify all reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration. A request must be *received* in MAHS within 30 days of the date this Hearing Decision is mailed.

A written request may be faxed or mailed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088 and be labeled as follows:

Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request

If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

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Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P.O. Box 30639  
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