

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 14-006330
Issue No.: 4001
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: October 07, 2014
County: WAYNE-DISTRICT 57

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary Heisler

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 telephone hearing was held on October 7, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included himself. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included FIM [REDACTED]. There is no Medical Assistance issue in this hearing.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Claimant's State Disability Assistance Program beginning August 1, 2014?

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 was an ongoing recipient of State Disability Assistance Program.
2. On April 15, 2014, Claimant signed an Individualized Plan for Employment agreement with Michigan Rehabilitation Services.
3. On June 28, 2014, Claimant was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated his State Disability Assistance Program would close August 1, 2014.
4. On July 1, 2014, Claimant submitted a hearing request.

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 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 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3151-.3180.

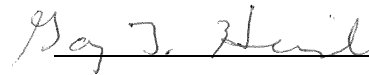
Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 261 Disability - SDA (2014) at page 2 states that a person who is receiving services from Michigan Rehabilitation Services meets the disability requirement for State Disability Assistance Program benefits. The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, if any, finds that the Department did not act in accordance with Department policy when it closed Claimant's State Disability Assistance Program beginning August 1, 2014.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision **REVERSED**.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Reinstate Claimant's State Disability Assistance Program and re-determine his eligibility in accordance with Department policy.
2. Supplement Claimant any State Disability Assistance Program benefits he was otherwise eligible for but did not receive due to this incorrect closure.



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

Date Signed: **10/24/2014**

Date Mailed: **10/24/2014**

GFH/hj

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- 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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