

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

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 14-006475
Issue No.: 5001
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: October 01, 2014
County: WAYNE-49

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Lynn Ferris

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 October 1, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED] Assistance Payments Worker and [REDACTED], Family Independence Manager.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly process Claimant's request for State Emergency Relief (SER) assistance with shelter emergency?

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 June 26, 2014, Claimant applied for SER assistance with shelter emergency.
2. On June 27, 2014, the Department sent Claimant a SER Decision Notice. Exhibit 2
3. The Claimant sought emergency relocation assistance and requested [REDACTED] for rent and security deposit. Exhibit 3.
4. On July 1, 2014 Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the Department's 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).

Additionally, in this case the issue is whether the Department's approval of the Claimant's application for relocation assistance in the amount of [REDACTED] was correct. The Claimant has a SER group of three persons. Department policy found in ERM 303 limits the amount of assistance the Department can provide based upon group size. The limit for SER Relocation assistance for a group of 3 persons is [REDACTED]. ERM 303 (10/1/14) pp.7. Any further expenses over and above [REDACTED] to cover the cost of relocation must be provided by the Claimant applicant.

In this case, the Claimant requested assistance in the amount of [REDACTED] thus the amount of assistance exceeded the \$ [REDACTED] the Department could provide. Exhibit 2 and 3. The Department correctly determined that the Claimant was approved and determined that the Claimant's share of the relocation costs would be [REDACTED] for security deposit, and [REDACTED] for rent to relocate. These were the Claimant's share of the [REDACTED] relocation expenses that the Claimant indicated she would need to relocate. The Department was under no further obligation to provide any further amount than [REDACTED]. The Department determined that the Claimant was eligible due to the fact that the housing that the Claimant was living in was unsafe, and thus found her eligible. ERM 303, pp4.

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 issued its SER Decision Notice.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's SER decision is AFFIRMED.



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

Date Signed: **10/3/2014**
Date Mailed: **10/3/2014**
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- 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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