

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 14-010280
Issue No.: 4001
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: October 27, 2014
County: WAYNE-DISTRICT 31

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Susan C. Burke

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 27, 2014, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Family Independence Specialist.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Claimant's State Disability Assistance (SDA) application?

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 SDA on [REDACTED].
2. On [REDACTED], the Department issued a Notice of Case Action, denying Claimant's application due to Claimant not being disabled.
3. Claimant requested a hearing on [REDACTED].

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.

In the present case, Claimant applied for SDA on [REDACTED]. On [REDACTED], the Department issued a Notice of Case Action, denying Claimant's application due to Claimant not being disabled. Claimant filed a hearing request on [REDACTED].

The Department proffered two reasons why Claimant's MA application was denied. The first reason was that an Administrative Law Judge found Claimant not disabled on [REDACTED]. However, the Administrative Law Judge's decision was based on SDA applications prior to [REDACTED], and therefore did not address the Department's denial of Claimant's [REDACTED] application. It is also noted that the Department did not present medical documentation and a Medical Review Team (MRT) denial of Claimant's [REDACTED] application.

The second reason proffered by the Department related to failure to return verification. However, that reason was mentioned only at the hearing, and the Notice of Case Action did not state that a verification issue was the reason for denial. See BAM 115 (3/2014), p. 22, instructing that reasons are to be included in the client notice.

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 failed to satisfy its burden of showing that it acted in accordance with Department policy when it denied Claimant's SDA application.

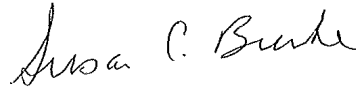
DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is 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. Re-register and reprocess Claimant's SDA application of [REDACTED].

2. Issue a written notice to Claimant of the Department's decision regarding eligibility.



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

Date Signed: **11/12/2014**

Date Mailed: **11/12/2014**

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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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