

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201433734  
Issue No.: 5001  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: April 29, 2014  
County: Oscoda County DHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Kevin Scully

**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 April 29, 2014, from Lansing, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department of Human Services (Department) properly determined the Claimant's State Emergency Relief (SER) application?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. On March 3, 2014, the Claimant had repairs performed on her home.
2. The Claimant applied for State Emergency Relief (SER) benefits on March 10, 2014, requesting assistance with plumbing and electrical repairs to her home.
3. On March 19, 2014, the Department denied the Claimant's State Emergency Relief (SER) application.
4. The Department received the Claimant's request for a hearing on March 26, 2014, protesting the denial of her State Emergency Relief (SER) application.

**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 final administrative rules filed with the Secretary of State on October 28, 1993. MAC R 400.7001-400.7049.

Family Independence Agency (FIA or agency) policies are found in the State Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

State Emergency Relief (SER) prevents serious harm to individuals and families. SER assists applicants with safe, decent, affordable housing and other essential needs when an emergency situation arises. Eligibility for State Emergency Relief (SER) benefits requires that the client have an emergency which threatens health or safety and can be resolved through issuance of SER, and requires clients take action within their ability to help themselves. Department of Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM) 101 (March 1, 2013), p 1.

The State Emergency Relief (SER) program assists with home repairs to correct unsafe conditions and restore essential services. Department of Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM) 304 (October 1, 2013), p 1.

In this case, the Claimant had repairs performed on her home on March 3, 2014.

On March 19, 2014, the Claimant applied for State Emergency Relief (SER) benefits seeking assistance with the cost of the repairs to her home. At the time of her application, there was no emergency situation required State Emergency Relief (SER) benefits to correct an unsafe condition because the repairs had already been performed.

Based on the evidence and testimony available during the hearing, the Department has established that it was acting in accordance with policy when it denied the Claimant's March 10, 2014, State Emergency Relief (SER) application.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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 denied the Claimant's State Emergency Relief (SER) application.

Accordingly, the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.



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Kevin Scully  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura D. Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: May 8, 2014

Date Mailed: May 8, 2014

**NOTICE OF APPEAL:** 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 or Reconsideration was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the Decision and Order of Reconsideration or Rehearing Decision.

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 (60 days for FAP cases).

A Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration may be granted 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 Department, AHR or the claimant 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 the hearing decision is mailed.

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