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Date Mailed: October 24, 2017 MAHS Docket No.: 17-010841

Agency No.: Petitioner:

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary Heisler

HEARING DECISION

Following Petitioner'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; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on September 25, 2017, from Michigan. Petitioner was represented by himself and his ex-wife,

<u>ISSUE</u>

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's May 15, 2017, 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. On May 15, 2017, Petitioner submitted an application for State Disability Assistance (SDA).
- 2. On June 1, 2017, Petitioner was sent the forms package required for medical determination of his eligibility.
- 3. On June 15, 2017, the forms were returned to the Department. The Medical Social Questionnaire (DHS-49F) was returned but did not contain the requested information nor a signature.
- 4. On June 20, 2017, another Medical Social Questionnaire (DHS-49F) was sent to Petitioner.

- 5. On July 13, 2017, the Department had not received a completed Medical Social Questionnaire (DHS-49F). Petitioner was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHS-1605) which stated his State Disability Assistance (SDA) application was denied.
- 6. On August 7, 2017, Petitioner submitted a hearing request.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained in the Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), Department of Health and Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Health and 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 Health and Human Services (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers the SDA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3151-.3180.

During this hearing Petitioner and asserted that the form was filled out. The evidence submitted by the Department shows that the Medical Social Questionnaire (DHS-49F) submitted on June 15, 2017 was neither complete, nor signed. 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 Petitioner's May 15, 2017, State Disability Assistance (SDA) application.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

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Gary Heisler

Administrative Law Judge for Nick Lyon, Director

Department of Health and Human Services

NOTICE OF APPEAL: A party may appeal this Order in circuit court within 30 days of the receipt date. A copy of the circuit court appeal must be filed with the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Order if the request is received by MAHS within 30 days of the date the Order was issued. The party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration must provide the specific reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration.

A written request may be mailed or faxed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088; Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

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

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