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Date Mailed: June 20, 2018
MAHS Docket No.: 18-003838
Agency No.: ██████████
Petitioner: ██████████

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Christian Gardocki

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; 42 CFR 438.400 to 438.424; 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 June 13, 2018, from Detroit, Michigan. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) was represented by Candace Baker, manager.

ISSUE

The issue is whether MDHHS properly did not yet issue payment for Petitioner's State Emergency Relief (SER) approval.

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 November 27, 2017, Petitioner applied for SER seeking assistance for relocation costs.
2. On December 14, 2017, MDHHS approved Petitioner's SER application in the amount of \$██████████ subject to a copayment by Petitioner of \$██████████. The SER payment was to be made to Petitioner's landlord (hereinafter "Landlord").
3. On December 18, 2017, Petitioner timely submitted to MDHHS proof of her copayment.

4. On an unspecified date, MDHHS initiated SER payment to Landlord. Payment was not successful because Landlord was not yet registered as a provider in SIGMA.
5. On April 13, 2018, Petitioner requested a hearing to dispute MDHHS' failure to issue SER payment to Landlord.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Emergency Relief program is established by the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b. The SER program is administered by the Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) pursuant to MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.7001-.7049. SER policies are contained in the Emergency Relief Manual (ERM) and Emergency Relief Bulletin (ERB).

Petitioner requested a hearing alleging that MDHHS improperly failed to issue a SER payment of \$274.21 to Landlord. MDHHS testimony acknowledged that payment had not yet been issued; the stated reason for not issuing payment was that Landlord had not yet registered for a new MDHHS database.

The State of Michigan upgraded its financial and business processes to a new system to Statewide Integrated Governmental Management Application (SIGMA). Providers must register in the SIGMA Vendor Self Service (VSS) in order to receive a SER payment. MDHHS is to refer providers to the VSS system, <http://www.michigan.gov/VSSlogin>, prior to enrollment. ERB (January 2018) p. 1.

MDHHS testimony indicated that Landlord has not yet registered as a provider in SIGMA. Petitioner's testimony acknowledged that Landlord advised her that some sort of registration with MDHHS would be required before they could receive SER payment. MDHHS testimony indicated that SER payment can still be issued after Landlord registers for SIGMA. As Landlord has not yet registered as a provider in SIGMA, it is found that MDHHS properly did not yet issue Petitioner's SER payment.

DECISION AND ORDER

The administrative law judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that MDHHS properly did not yet issue Petitioner's SER payment of \$ [REDACTED]. The actions taken by MDHHS are **AFFIRMED**.

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Christian Gardocki

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) 763-0155; Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

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

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