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Date Mailed: March 23, 2020  
MOAHR Docket No.: 19-012421-RECON  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR  
REHEARING AND/OR RECONSIDERATION**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Alice C. Elkin**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) pursuant to the request for rehearing and/or reconsideration by Petitioner [REDACTED] of the Hearing Decision issued by the undersigned on [REDACTED] 2020 in the above-captioned matter.

The rehearing and reconsideration process is governed by the Michigan Administrative Code, Rule 792.11015, *et seq.*, and applicable policy provisions articulated in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), specifically BAM 600, which provide that a rehearing or reconsideration must be filed in a timely manner consistent with the statutory requirements of the particular program that is the basis for the client's benefits application or services at issue and may be granted so long as the reasons for which the request is made comply with the policy and statutory requirements. MCL 24.287 also provides a statutory basis for a rehearing of an administrative hearing.

A rehearing is a full hearing which may be granted if the original hearing record is inadequate for purposes of judicial review or there is newly discovered evidence that existed at the time of the original hearing that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision. BAM 600 (January 2020), p. 44. A reconsideration is a paper review of the facts, law or legal arguments and any newly discovered evidence that existed at the time of the hearing. It may be granted when the original hearing record is adequate for purposes of judicial review and a rehearing is not necessary, but one of the parties is able to demonstrate that the Administrative Law Judge failed to accurately address all the relevant issues raised in the hearing request. BAM 600, pp. 44. Reconsiderations may be granted if requested for one of the following reasons:

- Misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision, which led to the wrong decision;
- Typographical errors, mathematical error, or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that affect the substantial rights of the petitioner; or
- Failure of the Administrative Law Judge to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision. BAM 600, p. 46.

A request for reconsideration which presents the same issues previously ruled on, either expressly or by reasonable implication, shall not be granted. Mich Admin Code, R 792.10135.

Here, the undersigned issued a Hearing Decision in the above-captioned matter finding that the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) had properly concluded that Petitioner was not disabled and, as a result, properly denied Petitioner's application for State Disability Assistance (SDA) benefits.

In her request for rehearing and/or reconsideration, Petitioner states that she appeals the hearing decision because she disagrees with it and she believes some information is incomplete or needs to be clarified. Because Petitioner has failed to show with any specificity that the original hearing record is inadequate for judicial review or that there is newly discovered evidence (or evidence that could not have been discovered at the time of the hearing had a reasonable effort been made to do so), she has failed to establish a basis for a rehearing.

Furthermore, a full review of Petitioner's request fails to demonstrate that the undersigned misapplied manual policy or law in the Hearing Decision; committed typographical, mathematical, or other obvious errors in the Hearing Decision that affected Petitioner's substantial rights; or failed to address other relevant issues in the Hearing Decision. Therefore, Petitioner has not established a basis for reconsideration.

Accordingly, the request for rehearing and/or reconsideration is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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**Alice C. Elkin**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Robert Gordon, 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 Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules.

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