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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 hearing was held via telephone conference on August 12, 2025. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Sha'Re Clayton and Desirae Mitchell. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-15 was received and admitted.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's State Emergency Relief (SER) application because the emergency was resolved?

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 June [REDACTED] 2025, Petitioner applied for SER for home repairs for septic repair.
2. Petitioner had the septic repair completed prior to application. (Ex. 1, pp. 13-15)
3. On June [REDACTED] 2025, an SER Decision Notice was sent to Petitioner informing him that his SER application was denied because "You do not have an emergency."
4. On June 26, 2025, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the denial of SER.

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 Emergency Relief (SER) 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.

Non-Energy Related Home Repairs

Non-energy-related repairs include all home repairs for client owned housing except furnace repair or replacement. Examples include: • Repairs to the basic structure. • Hot water heater. • Septic/waste disposal system. • Doors/windows. • Extermination services. • Electrical. • Plumbing. • Roofs. • Wells/water supply system. • Wheelchair ramps. Authorization for payment is only made if the repair(s) is essential to remove a direct threat to health or safety or is required by law or a mobile home park regulation. ERM 304

In this case, On June ■ 2025, Petitioner applied for SER for home repairs for septic repair. Petitioner had the septic repair completed prior to application. (Ex. 1, pp. 13-15) On June ■ 2025, an SER Decision Notice was sent to Petitioner informing him that his SER application was denied because “You do not have an emergency.” Petitioner had the home repair completed prior to application and had no emergency at the time of application. Therefore, the denial because there was no emergency was proper and correct and consistent with Department policy. ERM 304

At hearing, Petitioner questioned how it would be feasible to wait to complete his home repair until his application could be processed because he did not have functioning plumbing. Petitioner testified that he believed Department policy was unreasonable. The undersigned Administrative Law Judge has no authority or jurisdiction to overrule Department policy.

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 Petitioners SER application because the emergency was resolved.

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



AARON MCCLINTIC
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

APPEAL RIGHTS: Petitioner may appeal this Hearing Decision to the circuit court. Rules for appeals to the circuit court can be found in the Michigan Court Rules (MCR), including MCR 7.101 to MCR 7.123, available at the Michigan Courts website at courts.michigan.gov. The Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) cannot provide legal advice, but assistance may be available through the State Bar of Michigan at <https://lrs.michbar.org> or Michigan Legal Help at <https://michiganlegalhelp.org>. A copy of the circuit court appeal should be sent to MOAHR. A circuit court appeal may result in a reversal of the Hearing Decision.

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