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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 January 29, 2026. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Heidi Zens, Hearing Facilitator. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] served as Spanish language interpreter. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1- 190 was received and admitted.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's cash assistance and state emergency reliefs applications?

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 December [REDACTED] 2025, Petitioner applied for Cash Assistance, Food Assistance, State Emergency Relief and Medical Assistance.
2. On December [REDACTED] 2025, a Notice of Case Action was sent to Petitioner informing her that her cash assistance application was denied because she was not disabled and she did not have minor children in the household.
3. On December [REDACTED] 2025, a State Emergency Relief Notice was sent to Petitioner informing her that her application was denied due to unaffordability because Petitioner has no income.
4. On December 15, 2025, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the denial of cash assistance and state emergency relief.
5. On December [REDACTED] 2025, Petitioner was approved for FAP and MA.
6. Petitioner did not state on her application that she was disabled or that she had any minor children in her care.

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 Family Independence Program (FIP) was established pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-193, and 42 USC 601 to 679c. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers FIP pursuant to 45 CFR 233-260, MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3101-.3131.

The Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp program] is established by the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, 7 USC 2011 to 2036a and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR 273. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b, and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3001-.3011.

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396-1396w-5; 42 USC 1315; the Affordable Care Act of 2010, the collective term for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152; and 42 CFR 430.10-.25. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers the MA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10, and MCL 400.105-.112k.

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.

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.

Requirements

In this item, total housing obligation means the total amount the SER group must pay for rent, house payment, mobile home lot rent, property taxes and required insurance premiums. Renters can have a higher total housing obligation if heat, electricity and/or water/cooking gas are included. Note: See chart at the end of this item or ERM 100, SER Quick Reference Charts. Authorize SER for services only if the SER group has

sufficient income to meet ongoing housing expenses. An SER group that cannot afford to pay their ongoing housing costs plus any utility obligations will not be able to retain their housing, even if SER is authorized. Deny SER if the group does not have sufficient income to meet their total housing obligation. The total housing obligation cannot exceed 75 percent of the group's total net countable income. ERM 207

FIP

Group composition is the determination of which individuals living together are included in the FIP eligibility determination group/program group and the FIP certified group. To be eligible for FIP both of the following must be true: • The group must include a dependent child who lives with a legal parent, stepparent or other qualifying caretaker. BEM 210

RCA

Group composition is the determination of which individuals living together are included in the eligibility determination group (EDG) and certified group (CG). Spouses are responsible for each other. Needy spouses living together are expected to share income, assets, and expenses. To be considered for RCA all of the following must apply: • An individual must be a refugee as defined in the REFUGEES section in BEM 630 or 225A. • The months for which eligibility is being determined must be within the RCA eligibility period as defined in BEM 630 and BEM 225A. • When there is potential FIP eligibility, the group must take all actions available to obtain FIP. Failure to do so results in group RCA ineligibility. BEM 215

RCA/RMA ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

RCA and/or RMA is available only during the four months immediately following the refugee's date of entry into the U.S. or date asylum is granted. Month one is the month containing date of entry or date of adjustment to refugee status. BEM 630

In this case, with regard to SER, Petitioner had no income at the time of application therefore the denial due to lack of affordability is proper and correct. ERM 207

With regard to cash assistance, Petitioner is not disabled and has no minor children in her care. She is not entitled to FIP or SDA. BEM 210

With regard to RCA, Petitioner determined that Petitioner was not eligible for RCA because she had been in the United States for more than one year based on the fact that Petitioner had medical records showing that she had received medical care in the United States more than 1 year prior to her 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 Petitioner's cash assistance and state emergency relief applications.

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://irs.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.

Either party who disagrees with this Hearing Decision may also send a written request for a rehearing and/or reconsideration to MOAHR within 30 days of the mailing date of this Hearing Decision. The request should include Petitioner's name, the docket number from page 1 of this Hearing Decision, an explanation of the specific reasons for the request, and any documents supporting the request. The request should be sent to MOAHR

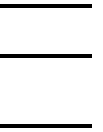
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