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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 February 5, 2026. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Rebecca Ridley, Hearing Facilitator. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-24 was received and admitted.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly deny Petitioner's State Emergency Relief (SER) application because he had already reached the lifetime maximum?

### **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 SER for assistance with property taxes.
2. On December [REDACTED] 2025, a State Emergency Relief Decision Notice was sent to Petitioner informing him that his SER application was denied due to homeownership maximum being reached.
3. On December 22, 2025, Petitioner requested hearing disputing the denial of SER.
4. Petitioner received SER payments of \$[REDACTED] for property taxes on February [REDACTED] 2019, and \$[REDACTED] on February [REDACTED] 2022. (Ex. 1, pp. 22-23)

### **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.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

Issue Home Ownership Services payments only to save a home threatened with loss due to mortgage foreclosure, land contract forfeiture, tax foreclosure, or court ordered eviction of a mobile home from land or a mobile home park. Issue home repair payments only 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. The repair(s) must restore the home to a safe, livable condition. SER does not pay for improvements or nonessential repairs. In addition, all of the following conditions must be met (unless specified for a particular service): \*\*\*The amount to be authorized does not exceed the home ownership services maximum of \$2,000, the energy-related home repair maximum of \$4,000 or the non-energy-related home repair maximum of \$1,500, and the issuance amount will resolve the emergency. ERM 304

In this case, Petitioner received SER payment of \$[REDACTED] for property taxes on February [REDACTED] 2019, and payment of \$[REDACTED] on February [REDACTED] 2022. (Ex. 1, p.22-23) Petitioner reached his lifetime maximum of \$2,000 on February [REDACTED] 2022. Therefore, the denial due to lifetime maximum for homeowner services being reached is proper and correct and consistent with Department policy. ERM 304

### **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 SER application because he previously reached the lifetime maximum for homeowner services.

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



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**AARON MCCLINTIC**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

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**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](https://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://rs.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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