BEFORE THE ALASKA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS ON REFERRAL BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

In the Matter of)	
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S L)	OAH No. 13-1366-APA
)	Agency No.
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DECISION

I. Introduction

S L is an applicant for Interim Assistance whose application was denied on the basis that it was incomplete. Rather than send in the item the agency was missing, Mr. L appealed the denial, insisting that the paperwork had already been submitted. He received a hearing on October 23, 2013, with the record held open an additional week for him to submit additional documentation.

Mr. L did not show that his application was complete. Accordingly, the denial of his application is upheld. Mr. L is free to apply again.

II. Facts

S L applied for public assistance on August 12, 2013.¹ Because he was pursuing Social Security Disability, the Division of Public Assistance processed his application, at least in part, as an application for Interim Assistance.² At an interview on August 22, 2013, he was provided with an AD 2 form to obtain a physician's attestation regarding his condition.³ A written notice issued the following day reminded him to submit this and other forms within 30 days.⁴

On September 27, 2013, the Division denied Mr. L's application on the basis of incompleteness.⁵ The denial was based on non-receipt of two required documents, but it has since been determined that the AD 2 form is the only one the Division was not able to locate.

Mr. L contends that the AD 2 form was faxed to the Division from his doctor's office on September 20, 2013. In support of this contention, he provided for his hearing a copy of the first page of his AD 2 form, apparently filled out by his doctor and showing a stamp that indicates it

Ex. 2.0.

Ex. 3.0.

³ Ex. 3.0.

Ex. 4.

⁵ Ex. 7.

was faxed somewhere on September 20.⁶ The AD 2 form has two pages. Curiously, Mr. L did not provide the second page.⁷

At the hearing, Mr. L was given an additional week to provide the second page of the AD 2 form and/or to provide documentation, such as fax transmission records, showing it had been sent to the correct place. Mr. L appeared to think he could provide these materials. However, he filed nothing further.

III. Discussion

S L has the burden to show he is eligible for Interim Assistance.⁸ To be eligible, he must submit an AD 2 form, except in exceptional circumstances that do not apply here.⁹ Moreover, what is on the form would need to support eligibility.

In this case, the agency does not have Mr. L's AD 2 form, and he has not been able to—or has not troubled to—prove that it was in fact submitted to the agency's fax number. We also do not know what the form would show, because he has only supplied the first page. With the evidence in this state, it is not possible to determine that the agency was mistaken in denying his application.

IV. Conclusion

Mr. L has not met his burden of proving that he is entitled to receive Interim Assistance, nor even that he has submitted a complete application for that benefit. The Division's decision to deny his application for Interim Assistance benefits is AFFIRMED.

DATED this 1st day of November, 2013.

Signed
Christopher Kennedy
Administrative Law Judge

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Oct. 21, 2013 submission from S L.

The first page does not support his eligibility. The doctor has written on it, "S – you do not meet \underline{any} of these criteria." However, one can qualify solely on the basis of items covered on the second page.

⁸ 7 AAC 49.135.

Adult Public Assistance Manual § 426-2(3) ("An individual who has a disability other than blindness must be examined by a physician or psychiatrist, as specified in Manual Section 425-2A. The results of this examination must be provided on an, *Preliminary Examination for Interim Assistance* (AD #2) form"). The exceptional circumstances are found in 7 AAC 40.070(b).

Adoption

The undersigned, by delegation from of the Commissioner of Health and Social Services, adopts this Decision under the authority of AS 44.64.060(e)(1), as the final administrative determination in this matter.

Judicial review of this decision may be obtained by filing an appeal in the Alaska Superior Court in accordance with Alaska R. App. P. 602(a)(2) within 30 days after the date of this decision.

DATED this 19th day of November, 2013.

By: <u>Signed</u>

Name: Christopher M. Kennedy Title: Administrative Law Judge

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