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**HEARINGS**

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**HEARING PROCEDURES**

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A hearing request will be considered abandoned if the client or representative fails to appear or is unavailable for a scheduled hearing without good cause. If no one is available for a hearing, the appropriate office will notify the client in writing that the hearing is dismissed unless good cause is shown for not attending. The proposed adverse action will be taken on the case following failure to appear for a hearing if the action has not already been effected.

**L. RIGHTS OF  
THE CLIENT**

The client or his/her representative has the following rights in connection with a local or State hearing:

- The right to examine at a reasonable time before the date of the hearing and during the hearing the content of the applicant's or recipient's case record.
- The right to have legal representation at the hearing and to bring witnesses.
- The right to produce documentary evidence and establish all factors and circumstances concerning eligibility.
- The right to present an argument without undue interference.
- The right to question or refute any testimony or evidence, including an opportunity to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses.