

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

IN THE MATTER OF:



Reg. No.: 2012903
Issue No.: 2027
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: January 4, 2012
County: Wayne County DHS (82)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Andrea J. Bradley

HEARING DECISION

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 following Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on January 4, 2012, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included the Claimant, [REDACTED], and his witness, [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED], Eligibility Specialist.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly terminate the Claimant's State Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds as material fact:

1. Claimant applied for benefits received state SSI benefits.
2. On August 23, 2011, the Department denied Claimant's application closed Claimant's case due to a notification from the Social Security Administration that the Claimant had not been receiving a regular monthly federal benefit.
3. On August 23, 2011, the Department sent Claimant Claimant's Authorized Representative (AR) notice of the denial. closure.

4. On September 12, 2011, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the
 denial of the application. closure of the case.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State Supplementary Security Income program was established pursuant to Title XVI of the Social Security Act in 42 USC 1381, *et seq.*, and implemented by the provisions of Title 20 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department of Human Services (DHS or Department) administers the State SSI program pursuant to 2002 PA 529, MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and by agreement between the State of Michigan and the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary). Department policies are contained in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

In the present case, the Department testified on the record that it erred when it closed the Claimant's state SSI benefit case. The Department further testified that there is documentary evidence to establish that the Claimant was in fact receiving a regular monthly federal benefit during the time period at issue. As a result, the Department did not act in accordance with Department policy when it terminated the Claimant's state SSI benefits. Accordingly, the action taken by the Department is REVERSED.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department

- properly denied Claimant's application improperly denied Claimant's application
 properly closed Claimant's case improperly closed Claimant's state SSI case.

DECISION AND ORDER


The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department

- did act properly. did not act properly.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO DO THE FOLLOWING WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. The Department shall remove the negative case action dated August 23, 2011, and begin to reinstate the Claimant's state SSI payments.

2. The Department shall supplement the Claimant for the third and fourth quarter state SSI payments that he was eligible and otherwise entitled to receive in accordance with Department policy.


Andrea J. Bradley
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: January 12, 2012

Date Mailed: January 12, 2012

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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

- A rehearing **MAY** be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
- A reconsideration **MAY** be granted for any of the following reasons:
 - misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision,
 - typographical errors, mathematical error, or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that effect the substantial rights of the claimant:
 - the failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

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