

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 201369247
Issue No.: [REDACTED]
Case No.: [REDACTED]
Hearing Date: November 20, 2013
County: Muskegon

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gary F. Heisler

HEARING DECISION

Following Claimant'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. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on November 20, 2013, from Lansing, Michigan. Claimant appeared and testified. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included AP Supervisor [REDACTED]

ISSUE

Did the Department properly stop Claimant's State SSI payments on August 20, 2013?

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 was an ongoing recipient of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.
2. The Department has previously erred by stopping Claimant's State SSI payments.
3. On August 20, 2013, Claimant was incorrectly sent a Notice of Quarterly State SSI Payment Change (DHS-430) which stated his payments had been reduced again.
4. On August 27, 2013, Claimant submitted a request for hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Department policies are contained in the Department of Human Services Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), Department of Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM), Department of Human Services Reference Tables Manual (RFT), and Department of Human Services Emergency Relief Manual (ERM).

The State SSI Payments (SSP) program is established by 20 CFR 416.2001-.2099 and the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1382e. The Department administers the program pursuant to MCL 400.10.

At this hearing the Department representative testified that Claimant's State SSI payments have been stopped previously, when they should not have been. The Department representative testified that the coding sent by Social Security Administration keeps causing an automated closure of Claimant's State SSI payments. The evidence in this record includes a Decision and Order from an August 13, 2013 Administrative Hearing on this issue, reversing the closure of Claimant's State SSI payments. While the Department is aware of the recurring problem, resolution of the problem may have to occur at the Social Security Administration (SSA). There is no jurisdiction to order the SSA to take action, in an Administrative Law Hearing on Michigan Department of Human Services matters. The extent of relief available to Claimant in this hearing is ordering the Department to re-instate his State SSI payments and supplement him any payments he lost due to this incorrect action.

A detailed analysis of the evidence presented, applicable Department policies, and reasoning for the decision are contained in the recorded record. During the hearing Claimant was informed of the decision and the reasoning behind the decision.

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 did not act in accordance with Department policy when it stopped Claimant's State SSI payments on August 20, 2013.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Reinstate Claimant's State SSI payments.
2. Supplement Claimant any State SSI payments he was otherwise eligible for but did not receive due to this incorrect action.

/s/ _____
Gary F. Heisler
Administrative Law Judge
for Maura Corrigan, Director
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 12/06/2013

Date Mailed: 12/09/2013

NOTICE OF APPEAL: 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 or Reconsideration was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the Decision and Order of Reconsideration or Rehearing Decision.

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A Request for Rehearing or Reconsideration may be granted when one of the following exists:

- Newly discovered evidence that existed at the time of the original hearing that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision;
- Misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision which led to a wrong conclusion;
- Typographical, mathematical or other obvious error in the hearing decision that affects the rights of the client;
- Failure of the ALJ to address in the hearing decision relevant issues raised in the hearing request.

The Department, AHR or the claimant must specify all reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration. A request must be *received* in MAHS within 30 days of the date the hearing decision is mailed.

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Michigan Administrative Hearings
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P.O. Box 30639
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