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Date Mailed: October 28, 2016  
MAHS Docket No.: 16-012855  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Gary Heisler

### **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 telephone hearing was held on October 6, 2016, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by herself. The Department was represented by Eligibility Specialist [REDACTED] and Assistance Payments Supervisor [REDACTED]. Testimony was received from all participants. Department's Exhibit A, pages 1-22 was admitted into evidence.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close Petitioner's State Disability Assistance (SDA) beginning October 1, 2016?

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

1. Petitioner was an ongoing recipient of State Disability Assistance (SDA) benefits. Petitioner was eligible for the benefits because she was working with Michigan Rehabilitative Services (MRS).
2. On June 17, 2014, Petitioner's MRS case was closed due to her failure to participate in the approved employment plan.
3. On August 25, 2016, Petitioner was sent a Notice of Case Action (DHHS-1605) which stated her State Disability Assistance (SDA) would end October 1, 2016.

4. On September 2, 2016, Petitioner submitted a hearing request.

### **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 Disability Assistance (SDA) program is established by the Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.1-.119b. The Department of Health and Human Services (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers the SDA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10 and Mich Admin Code, R 400.3151-.3180.

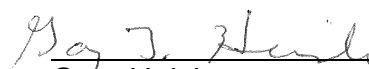
Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 261 Disability – SDA provides that a person is eligible for SDA benefits if they are receiving MRS services. It also provides that “A person is receiving services if he has been determined eligible for MRS and has a signed active individual plan for employment (IPE) with MRS.”

Petitioner’s MRS case was closed on June 17, 2014 so she no longer has a signed active individual plan for employment (IPE) with MRS. 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 closed Petitioner’s State Disability Assistance (SDA) beginning October 1, 2016.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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

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Gary Heisler  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Nick Lyon, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services

**NOTICE OF APPEAL:** A party may appeal this Order in circuit court within 30 days of the receipt date. A copy of the circuit court appeal must be filed with the Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Order if the request is received by MAHS within 30 days of the date the Order was issued. The party requesting a rehearing or reconsideration must provide the specific reasons for the request. MAHS will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration.

A written request may be mailed or faxed to MAHS. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 335-6088; Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

If submitted by mail, the written request must be addressed as follows:

Michigan Administrative Hearings  
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