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MAHS Docket No.: 18-011241
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Kevin Scully

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. After due notice, telephone hearing was held on December 13, 2018, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner represented himself. The Department was represented by Shanna Ward.

ISSUE

Did the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) properly close Petitioner's State Supplemental Security Income (SSP) benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

1. On May 18, 2018, the Department notified Petitioner that his State Supplemental Security Income (SSP) benefit had been cancelled. Exhibit A, p 2.
2. Petitioner received no regular Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments from May 1, 2018, through October 31, 2018. Exhibit A, p 8.
3. On October 29, 2018, the Department received Petitioner's request for a hearing protesting the denial of State Supplemental Security Income (SSP) benefits. Exhibit A, pp 4-5.

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 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.

The Social Security Administration issues the federal benefits to all SSI recipients. Initially, a lump sum check may be issued for any retroactive benefits, but thereafter, SSI benefits are issued on the first of the month. Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 660 (January 1, 2017), p 1.

State supplemental benefits are made for only those months the recipient received a regular first of the month federal benefit. BEM 660, p 1.

Petitioner was an ongoing SSP recipient but did not receive an SSI payment in May of 2018. On May 18, 2018, the Department notified Petitioner that his SSP payment would be cancelled.

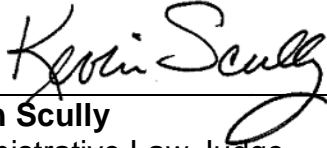
Since Petitioner did not receive a regular first of the month SSI payment, he was no longer eligible for the SSP benefit from the Department.

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 Supplemental Security Income (SSP) benefits.

DECISION AND ORDER

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.

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Kevin Scully
Administrative Law Judge
for Farah Hanley, Acting Director
Department of Health and Human Services

