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Date Mailed: February 11, 2019 MAHS Docket No.: 18-013017 Agency No.: Petitioner:

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jeffrey Kemm

HEARING DECISION

Following Petitioner's request for a hearing, this matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on February 6, 2019, from Lansing, Michigan. Marsha Plafkin, Petitioner, appeared and represented herself. Matt Griffin, Eligibility Specialist, and Adele Sumption, Hearing Facilitator, appeared for the Department. Neither party had any additional witnesses.

One exhibit was admitted into evidence during the hearing. A 7-page packet of documents provided by the Department was admitted collectively as the Department's Exhibit A.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly terminate Petitioner's State SSI payment (SSP)?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

- 1. In November 2018, the Social Security Administration (SSA) terminated Petitioner's SSI.
- 2. On November 20, 2018, the Department issued a Notice of State SSI Payment Change to Petitioner to notify her that her SSP was cancelled because she was no longer eligible for SSI.
- 3. On December 3, 2018, Petitioner requested a hearing to dispute the Department's decision.

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. An individual must be an active SSI recipient in order to be eligible for SSP. BAM 660 (January 1, 2017).

Petitioner was determined by SSA to no longer be eligible for SSI in November 2018. Once Petitioner ceased to be eligible for SSI, Petitioner was no longer eligible for SSP. The Department acted in accordance with its policies and the applicable law when it notified Petitioner that her SSP was cancelled.

DECISION AND ORDER

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 act in accordance with its policies and the applicable law when it issued its November 20, 2018, Notice of State SSI Payment Change which cancelled Petitioner's SSP.

IT IS ORDERED the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.

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Jeffrey Kemm Administrative Law Judge for Robert Gordon, 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) 763-0155; Attention: MAHS Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

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

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