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Date Mailed: August 19, 2019
MOAHR Docket No.: 19-006678
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Amanda M. T. Marler

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; 42 CFR 438.400 to 438.424; 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 August 15, 2019, from Detroit, Michigan. The Petitioner was self-represented. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by [REDACTED] Hearings Facilitator.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly close Petitioner's State Supplemental Security Income (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. On April 1, 2019, Petitioner's SSI payments ended.
2. On May 24, 2019, the Department was notified of the end of Petitioner's SSI payment and issued a Notice of State SSI Payment Change to Petitioner informing him that his quarterly SSP had been cancelled because the Social Security Administration (SSA) notified the Department that he did not receive a regular first of the month SSI payment.
3. On June 28, 2019, the Department received Petitioner's request for hearing disputing the closure of his SSP benefit.

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.

In this case, Petitioner's SSP was closed because Petitioner had not received a first-of-the-month SSI payment for the previous months. Policy provides that "payments are made for only those months the recipient received a regular first of the month federal benefit." BEM 660 (January 2017), p. 1. SSPs are not issued for retroactive or supplemental federal benefits. *Id.* Since Petitioner did not receive a regular first-of-the-month SSI payment for April or May 2019, the Department acted in accordance with policy in closing Petitioner's SSP case.

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 SSP case.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

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Amanda M. T. Marler

Administrative Law Judge
for Robert Gordon, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

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