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Date Mailed: November 13, 2019  
MOAHR Docket No.: 19-009932  
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, a telephone hearing was held on November 6, 2019, from Lansing, Michigan. Petitioner was represented by her authorized hearing representative [REDACTED]. The Department of Health and Human Services was represented by Annette Dent and Rene Colvin.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) properly determine Petitioner's eligibility for Medical Assistance (MA) and State Supplemental Security Income (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 August 26, 2019, the Department notified Petitioner that her State Supplemental Security Income (SSP) payment had been cancelled. Exhibit A, p 4.
2. On September 10, 2019, the Department received Petitioner's request for a hearing. Exhibit A, p 6.

### **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 Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396-1396w-5; 42 USC 1315; the Affordable Care Act of 2010, the collective term for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152; and 42 CFR 430.10-.25. The Department (formerly known as the Department of Human Services) administers the MA program pursuant to 42 CFR 435, MCL 400.10, and MCL 400.105-.112k.

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.

Michigan resident's that are Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients are automatically eligible for Medicaid. Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 150 (October 1, 2019), p 1.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a cash benefit to needy persons who are aged (at least 65), blind or disabled. It is a federal program administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA). States are allowed the option to supplement the federal benefit with state funds. In Michigan SSI benefits include a basic federal benefit and an additional amount paid with state funds. The amount of the state benefit varies by living arrangement. Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 660 (January 1, 2017), p 1.

Petitioner was an ongoing MA recipient and an SSP recipient.

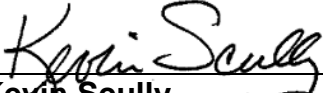
However, when Petitioner's SSI benefits were terminated by the Social Security Administration, the Department closed her SSP benefits, placed her in transitional MA pending closure of her SSI related Medicaid, and sent her an application for assistance so that the Department could accurately determine her eligibility for another category of MA benefits.

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 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medical Assistance (MA) (MA-SSI) based on the closure of her Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

Accordingly, the Department's decision is AFFIRMED.

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**Kevin Scully**  
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 Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR).

A party may request a rehearing or reconsideration of this Order if the request is received by MOAHR 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. MOAHR will not review any response to a request for rehearing/reconsideration.

A written request may be mailed or faxed to MOAHR. If submitted by fax, the written request must be faxed to (517) 763-0155; Attention: MOAHR Rehearing/Reconsideration Request.

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