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Date Mailed: June 16, 2020
MOAHR Docket No.: 20-002038
Agency No.: [REDACTED]
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Aaron McClintic

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 June 10, 2020, from Lansing, Michigan. The Petitioner was represented by himself. The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Lianne Scupholm, Hearing Facilitator. Department Exhibit 1, pp. 1-12 was received and admitted.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly reduce Petitioner's State SSI Supplement (SSP) because he was living in the household of another?

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 is a recipient of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) from the Social Security Administration.
2. Petitioner lives with his grandmother and does not pay rent or contribute towards utilities.
3. Petitioner is designated as living in the household of another and receives \$ [REDACTED] per month.
4. On February 18, 2020, Petitioner was sent a Notice of State SSI Payment Change.
5. On [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Petitioner requested hearing disputing the reduction of SSP.

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.

State SSI Payment

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issues the State SSI Payment (SSP) to SSI recipients in the following living arrangements:

- Independent living.
- Household of another. (Living in the household of another person and receiving partial or total support and maintenance in kind from that person.) BEM 660 (January 2017)

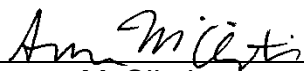
In this case, Petitioner acknowledged that he was living with his grandmother and that he was not paying rent or contributing towards utilities. Department policy designates someone as living in the household of another when they are receiving partial or total support and maintenance in kind from that person. BEM 660 Therefore, the Department determination that Petitioner is living in the household of another and entitled to \$ [REDACTED] in SSP benefit is proper and correct. RFT 248

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 reduced Petitioner's SSP benefit because he was living in the household of another.

DECISION AND ORDER

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

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Aaron McClintic
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).

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

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