

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The State SSI Payments (SSP) program is established by 20 CFR 416.2001-.2099 and the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1382e. MDHHS administers the program pursuant to MCL 400.10.

Petitioner's mother requested a hearing to dispute a termination of Petitioner's SSP benefits. Exhibit A, pp. 3-4. A Notice of State SSI Payment Change dated August 20, 2022, stated that Petitioner was ineligible for SSP beginning August 20, 2022, due to SSI cancellation.¹

SSI is a cash benefit to needy persons who are aged (at least ■■■, blind or disabled. BEM 660 (January 2017) p. 1. It is a federal program administered by the SSA. *Id.* States are allowed the option to supplement the federal benefit with state funds. *Id.* In Michigan, SSI benefits include a basic federal benefit and an additional amount paid with state funds. *Id.* SSP is paid quarterly, in the last month of the quarter. SSP is issued for only those months the recipient received a regular first of the month federal benefit. *Id.*

MDHHS presented documentation of Petitioner's SSP history. Exhibit A, p. 5. No SSP benefits were issued to Petitioner in September 2022. No SSP benefits is consistent with Petitioner's mother's acknowledgement that SSA temporarily stopped Petitioner's SSI benefits in September 2022.² Because Petitioner received no SSI in September 2022, MDHHS properly stopped Petitioner's SSP.

DECISION AND ORDER

The administrative law judge, based upon the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, finds that MDHHS properly stopped Petitioner's SSP benefits in September 2022.

The actions of MDHHS are **AFFIRMED**.

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Christian Gardocki
Administrative Law Judge

¹ Though SSP benefits were stated to stop August 20, 2022, Petitioner's SSP benefits would functionally stop beginning September 2022.

² Petitioner's SSP history documentation also indicated that benefits restarted in October 2022. The restart of SSP coincides with evidence suggesting that SSA also restarted Petitioner's SSI payments.

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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