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MOAHR Docket No.: 24-002640
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 April 18, 2024. The Petitioner was represented by her mother [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) was represented by Rebecca Scott, Eligibility Specialist. Translation services were provided by Gabriela Smitre.

ISSUE

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's State Supplemental Security Income Payment (SSP) eligibility?

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 February 20, 2024, the Department issued a Notice of State SSI Payment Change to Petitioner informing her that because the Social Security Administration (SSA) indicated she was no longer eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Petitioner's SSP would end with the last payment being issued on March 15, 2024.
2. On March 11, 2024, the Department received a request for hearing from Petitioner's mother and Authorized Hearings Representative (AHR) disputing the closure of her SSP benefits.

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 the SSA indicated that he was no longer eligible for SSI. SSI is a cash benefit to needy persons who are at least age 65, blind, or disabled. BEM 660 (October 2021), p. 1. The program is administered by SSA and states have 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.* Policy provides that "payments are made for only those months the recipient received a regular first of the month federal benefit." *Id.* Since Petitioner did not receive a regular first-of-the-month SSI payment, 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

