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MOAHR Docket No.: 24-013566  
Agency No.: [REDACTED]  
Petitioner: [REDACTED]

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Jeffrey Kemm**

**HEARING DECISION**

On November 26, 2024, Petitioner [REDACTED] requested a hearing to dispute a State SSI Payments (SSP) determination. As a result, a hearing was scheduled to be held on January 29, 2025. Public assistance hearings are held 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; 45 CFR 205.10; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002.

The parties appeared for the scheduled hearing. Petitioner appeared with her daughter, [REDACTED] Respondent Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (Department) had Hearings Coordinator Hannah Czechowski appear as its representative. Neither party had any additional witnesses.

Both parties provided sworn testimony, and one exhibit was admitted into evidence. An 11-page packet of documents provided by the Department was admitted into evidence collectively as Exhibit A.

**ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close Petitioner's 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. Petitioner received SSI benefits from the Social Security Administration (SSA).
2. Petitioner was eligible to receive SSP from the Department while she was receiving SSI benefits from the SSA.

3. Petitioner's SSI benefits stopped in October 2024.
4. The Department received a notification from the SSA that Petitioner stopped receiving SSI benefits, so the Department closed Petitioner's SSP.
5. On November 18, 2024, the Department mailed a Notice of State SSI Payment Change to Petitioner to notify her that her SSP was cancelled because she was no longer eligible for SSI from the SSA.
6. Petitioner requested a hearing to dispute the Department's decision.

### **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.

Supplement Security Income (SSI) is a cash benefit to needy persons who are aged (at least 65), blind, or disabled. BEM 660 (October 1, 2021), p. 1. SSI is administered by the SSA; the Department does not determine whether an individual is eligible for SSI. In Michigan, SSI payments are supplemented with SSP. *Id.* An individual is only eligible for SSP for the months an individual receives a regular first of the month SSI payment as shown on the State On-Line Query (SOLQ). *Id.* at 1. The SOLQ is an application that allows the Department to access SSA data. Regular first of the month SSI payments are shown on the SOLQ as a recurring payment dated the first of the month. *Id.*

In this case, Petitioner stopped receiving SSI payments from the SSA in October 2024. Since a client must receive a regular first of the month SSI payment to be eligible for SSP from the Department, and since Petitioner stopped receiving SSI payments in October 2024, Petitioner was no longer eligible for SSP from the Department. Thus, the Department properly closed Petitioner's SSP.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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 its policies and the applicable law when it closed Petitioner's SSP.

**IT IS ORDERED:** the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.

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**Jeffrey Kemm**  
Administrative Law Judge

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