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### **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 July 9, 2025. Petitioner represented himself. The Department was represented by Sara Hoek.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) properly close Petitioner's State Supplemental Security Income (SSP) benefits?

### **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 or around May 1, 2025, the federal Social Security Administration suspended Petitioner's federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment because his address was unknown.
2. On May [REDACTED] 2025, the Department notified Petitioner that his State Supplemental Security Income (SSP) payment had been cancelled.
3. On May 23, 2025, the Department received Petitioner's request for a hearing.

### **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.

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. Payments of SSP benefits are made for only those months the recipient received a regular first of the month federal benefit. Department of Health and Human Services Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) 660 (October 1, 2021), p 1.

Petitioner was an ongoing recipient of the State Supplemental Security Income (SSP) supplement, which is a \$█ payment from the state of Michigan paid quarterly to recipients of SSI, but only when they receive a regular SSI payment on the first of each month. On May █ 2025, when Petitioner did not get his regular SSI payment, the Department notified Petitioner that he would not receive his full state SSP payment, but instead he received a \$█ payment.

Since missing the \$█ for May, Petitioner's address has been updated with Social Security, and Petitioner's \$█ monthly state SSP payments have been restored.

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 Petitioner's \$█ State Supplemental Security Income (SSP) payment was not issued for May of 2025.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

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



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KEVIN SCULLY  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings  
and Rules (MOAHR)

**APPEAL RIGHTS:** Petitioner may appeal this Hearing Decision to the circuit court. Rules for appeals to the circuit court can be found in the Michigan Court Rules (MCR), including MCR 7.101 to MCR 7.123, available at the Michigan Courts website at [courts.michigan.gov](https://courts.michigan.gov). The Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) cannot provide legal advice, but assistance may be available through the State Bar of Michigan at <https://lrs.michbar.org> or Michigan Legal Help at <https://michiganlegalhelp.org>. A copy of the circuit court appeal should be sent to MOAHR. A circuit court appeal may result in a reversal of the Hearing Decision.

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