

**Date Mailed:** February 6, 2026

**Docket No.:** 25-043373

**Case No.:** [REDACTED]

**Petitioner:** [REDACTED]

### **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; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a hearing was held via telephone conference on January 8, 2026. Petitioner was represented by [REDACTED] mother. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Rebecca Berg, Assistance Payments Supervisor (APS).

The parties agreed to hold a consolidated hearing proceeding for MOAHR Docket Nos. 25-043372 and 25-043373. The Petitioners are brothers and the same actions occurred with each case.

During the hearing proceeding, the Department's Hearing Summary packet was admitted as Exhibit A, pp. 1-10.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly determine Petitioner's eligibility for the State SSI Payments (SSP) program?

### **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 November 15, 2025, a Notice of State SSI Payment Change was issued to Petitioner stating that the Social Security Administration (SSA) notified the Department that Petitioner did not receive a regular first of the month payment for 1-2 months. Petitioner must receive a regular first of the month payment to be eligible for the SSP payment. The reduced SSP payment was scheduled to be issued on December 12, 2025. (Exhibit A, pp. 5-6)
2. On November 24, 2025, a hearing request was filed on Petitioner's behalf contesting the Department's determination. (Exhibit A, pp. 3-4)
3. On November 25, 2025, the local Department office verified that Petitioner's SSI payments are ongoing. (Exhibit A, p. 1)

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4. On November 26, 2025, the Department's SSI Bridges Coordinator Unit reinstated Petitioner's SSP benefits. (Exhibit A, p. 1)
  5. On December 2, 2025, a Benefit Notice was issued to Petitioner approving SSP benefits effective November 2025. (Exhibit A, pp. 7-10)

### **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.

For the SSP program, payments are made for only those months the recipient received a regular first of the month federal benefit. These are shown on SOLQ as a recurring payment dated the first of the month. SSPs are not issued for retroactive or supplemental federal benefits. BEM 660, October 1, 2021, p. 1

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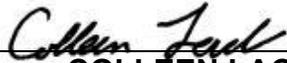
The Department properly initially acted upon the change with SSI eligibly reported by SSA. When the Department subsequently verified that Petitioner remained eligible for SSI, the Department properly took corrective actions and reinstated the SSP benefits.

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 determined Petitioner's eligibility for the SSP program.

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**DECISION AND ORDER**

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

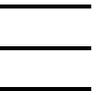
  
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**COLLEEN LACK**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

**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://rs.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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