

**Date Mailed:** February 5, 2026

**Docket No.:** 25-044472

**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 appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Kaylie Polk, Eligibility Specialist (ES).

During the hearing proceeding, the Department's Hearing Summary packet was admitted as Exhibit A, pp. 1-6.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly stop Petitioner's State SSI Payments (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. Petitioner was receiving SSP benefits based on receiving Social Security Administration (SSA) issued Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.
2. On November 15, 2025, a Notice of State SSI Payment Change was issued to Petitioner stating the quarterly State SSI Payment has been canceled effective November 15, 2025 because the Social Security Administration notified the Department that Petitioner was no longer eligible for SSI. (Exhibit A, pp. 3-4)
3. On November 24, 2025, Petitioner filed a hearing request contesting the Department's determination. (Exhibit A, pp. 3-4)

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## 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. BEM 660, October 1, 2021, p. 1.

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.

In this case, the Department received updated information regarding Petitioner's eligibility for SSI. Accordingly, on November 15, 2025, a Notice of State SSI Payment Change was issued to Petitioner stating the quarterly State SSI Payment has been canceled effective November 15, 2025 because the Social Security Administration notified the Department that Petitioner was no longer eligible for SSI. (Exhibit A, pp. 3-4).

During the hearing, the ES verified that Petitioner's SSA issued SSI benefits ended with a last payment in October 2025. Accordingly, for the fourth quarter of 2025, Petitioner only received a ████████ SSP payment because she only received a regular first of the month SSI payment for October 2025. (ES Testimony).

Petitioner indicated she would be contacting SSA about their SSI determination. (Petitioner Testimony).

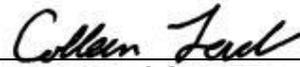
Petitioner was no longer eligible for the SSP program when she was no longer receiving SSI benefits. Accordingly, the Department properly stopped Petitioner's SSP benefits based on the information from SSA at that time.

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**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 Department policy when it stopped Petitioner's State SSI Payments (SSP) benefits.

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



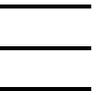
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**COLLEEN LACK**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

**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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