

**Date Mailed:** January 20, 2026

**Docket No.:** 25-045740

**Case No.:** [REDACTED]

**Petitioner:** [REDACTED]  
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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; and Mich Admin Code, R 792.11002. After due notice, a hearing was held via telephone conference on January 15, 2026. Petitioner appeared and was unrepresented. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Lori Turner, Eligibility Specialist.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly reduce Petitioner's State SSI Payment (SSP) paid in November 2025?

### **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 receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) from the Federal Social Security Administration (SSA).
2. Petitioner is eligible for quarterly SSP benefits from the Department tied to his SSI payments.
3. On November 15, 2025, the Department sent Petitioner a Notice of State SSI Payment Change informing him that his SSP payment issued on December 12, 2025, would be reduced.
4. On November 25, 2025, Petitioner requested a hearing disputing the Department's actions.

### **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).

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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, the Department received notification from the Social Security Administration (SSA) that Petitioner did not receive a regular first of the month SSI payment on November 1, 2025. The Department sent Petitioner a Notice of State SSI Payment Change on November 15, 2025, informing him that his SSP payment that was due to be issued on December 12, 2025, would be reduced.

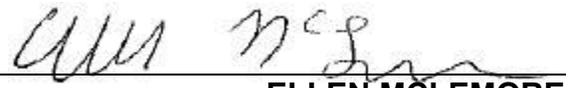
SSP is a quarterly payment paid by the State to eligible SSI recipients the last month of each quarter. BEM 660 (October 2021), pp. 1-2. SSP payments are made for only those months the SSI recipient received a regular first of the month federal benefit. BEM 660, p. 1; BAM 600, pp. 29-30. Department policy specifies that these SSI payments are shown on the client's Single Online Query (SOLQ) report as a "**recurring payment dated the first of the month.**" BEM 660, p. 1. Policy further provides that SSPs are not issued for retroactive or supplemental federal benefits. BEM 660, p. 1.

The Department presented part of Petitioner's SOLQ report which showed Petitioner did not receive his SSI payment on November 1, 2025. At the hearing, Petitioner conceded that he did not receive an SSI payment in November 2025.

Petitioner did not receive his SSI payment on November 1, 2025. As policy specifically states SSP payments are made for only those months the SSI recipient received a regular first of the month federal benefit, the Department acted in accordance with policy when it reduced Petitioner's quarterly SSP payment, as he was not entitled to benefits for November 2025.

### **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 reduced Petitioner's SSP payment issued in December 2025. Accordingly, the Department's decision is **AFFIRMED**.

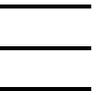
  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

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