

## **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. 6-7)
3. On December 1, 2025, Petitioner filed a hearing request contesting the Department's determination. (Exhibit A, pp. 4-5)
4. The Department confirmed that Petitioner's SSI benefits ended in August 2025. (Exhibit A, p. 8)

## **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. 6-7). The Department confirmed that Petitioner's SSI benefits ended in August 2025. (Exhibit A, p. 8).

Petitioner acknowledged that he was receiving SSI but his retirement switched. This has also caused his insurance to be canceled. Petitioner cannot afford to pay for his medical treatment. (Petitioner Testimony). As discussed, this hearing can only address the SSP benefits.

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

### **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**.