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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 February 2, 2026. Petitioner did not appear and was represented by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Authorized Hearing Representative (AHR). The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS or Department) was represented by Angela Ware, Eligibility Specialist.

### **ISSUE**

Did the Department properly close Petitioner's State SSI Payments (SSP) case?

### **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 an ongoing recipient of federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.
2. In connection with his federal SSI benefits, Petitioner received a quarterly SSP benefit from the Department.
3. On September [REDACTED] 2025, the Department issued an SSP payment to Petitioner for \$[REDACTED] for the period covering July 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025 (third quarter).
4. On November [REDACTED] 2025, the Department sent Petitioner a Notice of State SSI Payment Change (Notice) that informed Petitioner his SSP payment had been cancelled because the Social Security Administration (SSA) notified the Department that Petitioner did not receive a regular first of the month SSI payment for three months. Exhibit A, pp. 7-8.
5. On December 3, 2025, the Department received Petitioner's request for hearing disputing the cancellation of SSP payments. Exhibit A, pp. 3-4.

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## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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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.

In this case, AHR disputed the cancellation of Petitioner's SSP benefits. The Department explained that it ended Petitioner's SSP benefits because the Department was notified by the SSA that Petitioner had not received a regular first of the month SSI payment in three months.

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 (July 2025), pp. 31-32. Department policy specifies that these SSI payments are shown on the client's State Online Query (SOLQ) report as a **"recurring payment dated the first of the month."** BEM 660, p. 1; BAM 600, p. 31 (emphasis in original).

At the hearing, the Department explained that Petitioner's SSP benefits were cancelled because the Department received notification from SSA that Petitioner had not received a regular first of the month SSI payment in three months. The Department testified that it issued a final SSP payment to Petitioner on September █████ 2025 which covered July, August and September 2025. At the hearing, the Department reviewed the SOLQ and testified that the SOLQ showed no first of the month SSI payments were issued to Petitioner for July, August or September 2025. The Department indicated that first of the month payments resumed October 1, 2025 and were ongoing. AHR confirmed that Petitioner did not receive a first of the month SSI payment in July, August or September 2025. Because the SOLQ reflected no first of the month SSI payment to Petitioner for July, August and September 2025, under Department policy, Petitioner was no longer eligible for an SSP payment for the third quarter. However, the Department issued a third quarter payment of \$█████ to Petitioner for that time period. It was not until November 15, 2025 that the Department issued the Notice cancelling the SSP. By the time the Department issued the Notice, Petitioner's recurring first of the month SSI payments had resumed. SSP payments are made for those months that the SSI recipient received a regular first of the month federal benefit. Therefore, while there may have been an overpayment of SSP benefits issued to Petitioner for the third quarter, the Department did not properly cancel Petitioner's SSP benefits in November 2025

because as of October 1, 2025 ongoing he was receiving recurring first of the month SSI payments.

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 did not act in accordance with Department policy when it closed Petitioner's SSP case.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

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

THE DEPARTMENT IS ORDERED TO BEGIN DOING THE FOLLOWING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT POLICY AND CONSISTENT WITH THIS HEARING DECISION, WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF MAILING OF THIS DECISION AND ORDER:

1. Reinstate Petitioner's eligibility for SSP beginning October 1, 2025;
2. Issue SSP benefit supplements to Petitioner for October 1, 2025 ongoing in accordance with policy; and
3. Provide Petitioner notice of its decision in writing.



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**JULIA NORTON**  
**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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