



STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
P.O. Box 11729
Albany, NY 12211

Notice of Decision

Decision Date: September 14, 2015

NY State of Health Number: [REDACTED]
Appeal Identification Number: AP000000002627



Dear [REDACTED],

On June 18, 2015, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health Marketplace's April 21, 2015 enrollment notice.

The enclosed Decision, rendered after that hearing, is issued by the Appeals Unit of NY State of Health.

If you have questions about your Decision, you can contact us by:

- Calling the Customer Service Center at 1-855-355-5777
- Sending Mail to:
NY State of Health Appeals
P.O. Box 11729
Albany, NY 12211
- Sending a Fax to 1-855-900-5557

When contacting NY State of Health about your appeal and/or the Decision, please refer to the Appeal Identification Number at the top of this notice.

Legal Authority

We are sending you this notice in accordance with federal regulation 45 CFR § 155.545(b).

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Issue

The issue presented for review by the Appeals Unit of NY State of Health is:

Did the Marketplace properly determine that June 1, 2015 is the effective date of your coverage through a Medicaid Managed Care plan?

Procedural History

On April 15, 2015 you updated your Marketplace Account. On the same day you uploaded income documentation to your Marketplace Account.

On April 16, 2015 the Marketplace issued a notice stating that you “may be eligible through [the Marketplace] but more information is needed to make a determination.”

On April 19, 2015 the Marketplace issued a notice that you are eligible for Medicaid effective April 1, 2015.

On April 21, 2015 the Marketplace issued an enrollment notice “to confirm your enrollment as of April 20, 2015 through [the Marketplace].” Your insurance coverage through Medicaid will begin April 1, 2015 and enrollment with Healthfirst will begin June 1, 2015.

On April 27, 2015 you spoke to the Marketplace’s Account Review Unit and requested an appeal insofar as your Medicaid Managed Care enrollment would not take effect until June 1, 2015.

On June 18, 2015 you had a telephone hearing with a Hearing Officer from the Marketplace's Appeals Unit. Testimony was taken during the hearing. The record is now complete and closed.

Findings of Fact

A review of the record supports the following findings of fact:

- 1) You are applying for health insurance through the Marketplace for yourself only.
- 2) You testified that you were receiving Medicaid through the Human Resources Administration until you were discontinued on March 31, 2015.
- 3) On April 15, 2015 you updated your Marketplace account. On April 18, 2015 the Marketplace determined you eligible for Medicaid.
- 4) You selected a Medicaid Managed Care plan on April 20, 2015.
- 5) On April 21, 2015 the Marketplace issued a notice advising you that your Medicaid coverage began on April 1, 2015 and that the Medicaid Managed Care plan would take effect on June 1, 2015.
- 6) You testified you want your Medicaid Managed Care plan to take effect on April 1, 2015.
- 7) You testified that you paid out of pocket \$365.00 for your prescriptions and would like to be reimbursed.

Conflicting evidence, if any, was considered and found to be less credible than the evidence noted above.

Applicable Law and Regulations

An individual is eligible for fee-for-service Medicaid effective on the first day of the month if an individual was eligible any time during that month (42 CFR 435.915(b)).

Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) plan enrollments received on or before the fifteenth day of the month are effective the first day of the following month. Enrollments received after the fifteenth day of the month are effective the first day of the second following month (Medicaid Managed Care Model Contract (Appendix H-6(b)(ii) & (iii), effective 3/1/2014 – 2/28/2019; see, §1115 Soc. Sec. Act; N.Y. Soc. Serv. Law §364-j(1)(c); 18 NYCRR 360-10.3(h)).

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Legal Analysis

The date on which a Medicaid Managed Care plan can take effect depends on the day a person selects the plan for enrollment.

A plan that is selected between the first day and fifteenth day of a month goes into effect on the first day of the following month.

A plan that is selected between the sixteenth day of the month and the end of the month goes into effect on the first day of the second following month.

You selected your Medicaid Managed Care plan on April 20, 2015 so it must take effect on the first day of the second month after April; that is, on June 1, 2015.

Therefore the April 21, 2015 notice stating that your Medicaid Managed Care coverage would take effect on June 1, 2015 is correct and must be AFFIRMED.

Decision

The April 21, 2015 notice is AFFIRMED.

Effective Date of this Decision: September 14, 2015

How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility

This decision does not change your eligibility.

The effective date of your Medicaid Managed Care plan is June 1, 2015.

If You Disagree with this Decision (Appeal Rights)

This Decision is final unless you submit an appeal request to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or bring a lawsuit under New York Civil Practice Law and Rules, Article 78.

You may bring a lawsuit on any Appeals Unit decision in New York State court in accordance with Article 78 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules. This must be done within four months after the date of the Decision Date, which appears on the first page of this Decision.

Additionally, Appeals Unit decisions on issues involving eligibility for qualified health plans, advance premium tax credits, and cost-sharing reductions may be appealed to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This must be done within 30 days. If you need this information in a language other than English or you need assistance reading this notice, we can help you. Call 1-855-355-5777 (TTY - English: 1-800-662-1220) (TTY – Spanish: 1-877-662-4886).

of the date of the Decision Date, which appears on the first page of this Decision (45 CFR § 155.520(c)).

If you wish to be represented by an attorney in bringing an outside appeal and do not know how to go about getting one, you may contact legal resources available to you. You may, for example, contact the local County Bar Association, Legal Aid, or Legal Services.

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Summary

The April 21, 2014 notice is AFFIRMED.

This decision does not change your eligibility.

The effective date of your Medicaid Managed Care plan is June 1, 2015.

Legal Authority

We are sending you this notice in accordance with federal regulation 45 CFR § 155.545(a).

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