



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

Notice of Decision

Decision Date: September 8, 2016

NY State of Health Account ID: [REDACTED]
Appeal Identification Number: AP000000007627

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Dear [REDACTED],

On August 15, 2016, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's March 2, 2016 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 and the NY State of Health Account ID at the top of this notice.

Legal Authority

We are sending you this notice in accordance with 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 155.545.

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Issue

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

Did NY State of Health properly determine that your child's enrollment in their Child Health Plus plan should be effective April 1, 2016?

Procedural History

On March 3, 2016, NY State of Health (NYSOH) issued a notice of eligibility determination, based on your March 2, 2016 application, stating that your child was eligible to enroll in Child Health Plus with a \$60.00 monthly premium, effective April 1, 2016.

Also on March 3, 2016, NYSOH issued a notice of enrollment, based on your plan selection on March 2, 2016, stating that your child was enrolled in a Child Health Plus plan with an enrollment start date of April 1, 2016.

On March 3, 2016, you spoke to NYSOH's Account Review Unit and appealed the plan enrollment start date of your child's Child Health Plus plan.

On August 15, 2016, you had a telephone hearing with a Hearing Officer from NYSOH's Appeals Unit. The record was developed during the hearing and closed at the end of the hearing.

Findings of Fact

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

- 1) You testified that you are appealing the plan enrollment start date of your child's Child Health Plus plan.
- 2) You testified that your child's date of birth is [REDACTED]
- 3) You testified that you applied for a Social Security number for your child on February 24, 2016, through a Social Security Administration Office.
- 4) You testified that you received a Social Security number for your child on March 2, 2016.
- 5) According to your NYSOH account, you submitted an application for financial assistance, for your child, on March 2, 2016.
- 6) According to your NYSOH account, your child was enrolled in a Child Health Plus plan on March 2, 2016.
- 7) You testified that your child went to the hospital on [REDACTED], and you want your child's plan enrollment start date to be February 1, 2016, to cover any outstanding medical bills from that hospital visit.

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

Applicable Law and Regulations

Child Health Plus

"A State must specify a method for determining the effective date of eligibility for [Child Health Plus], which can be determined based on the date of application or through any other reasonable method that ensures coordinated transition of children between [Child Health Plus] and other insurance affordability programs as family circumstances change and avoids gaps or overlaps in coverage" (42 CFR § 457.340(f)).

The State of New York has provided that a child's period of eligibility for Child Health Plus begins on the first day of the month during which a child is eligible. A child will become eligible on the first day of the next month, if the application is received by the 15th of the month; applications received after the 15th day of the month will be processed for the first day of the second following month (see e.g. State Plan Amendment (SPA) NY-14-0005, approved February 3, 2015 and effective January 1, 2014).

Legal Analysis

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The issue is whether NYSOH properly determined that your child's Child Health Plus plan enrollment start date should be April 1, 2016.

The record reflects that you initially contacted NYSOH on March 2, 2016, to apply and enroll in health insurance coverage for your child.

The date on which a Child Health Plus 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 from the sixteenth day of the month and the end of the month goes into effect on the first day of the second following month.

Since you selected your child's Child Health Plus plan on March 2, 2016, it properly took effect on the first day of the month following after March 2, 2016; that is, on April 1, 2016.

Therefore, the March 3, 2016, enrollment notice confirming that your child was enrolled in a Child Health Plus plan with a plan enrollment start date of April 1, 2016, is correct and must be AFFIRMED.

Decision

The March 3, 2016 enrollment notice is AFFIRMED.

Effective Date of this Decision: September 8, 2016

How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility

This decision does not change your child's eligibility.

The effective date of your child's Child Health Plus plan is April 1, 2016.

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 of the Decision Date, which appears on the first page of this Decision.

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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 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 March 3, 2016, enrollment notice is AFFIRMED.

This decision does not change your child's eligibility.

The effective date of your child's Child Health Plus plan is April 1, 2016.

Legal Authority

We are issuing this determination in accordance with 45 CFR § 155.545.

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