



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

## Notice of Decision

Decision Date: March 7, 2017

NY State of Health Account ID: [REDACTED]  
Appeal Identification Number: AP000000012107

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Dear [REDACTED],

On January 18, 2017, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's July 20, 2016 eligibility determination 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:  
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Albany, NY 12211
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When contacting NY State of Health about your appeal and/or the Decision, please refer to the Appeal Identification number and the 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 enrollment in an Essential Plan was effective September 1, 2016?

## Procedural History

On July 20, 2016, NY State of Health (NYSOH) issued an eligibility determination notice, based on your July 19, 2016 initial application, stating that you were eligible to enroll in the Essential Plan, effective September 1, 2016.

Also on July 20, 2016, NYSOH issued an enrollment notice, based on your plan selection on July 19, 2016, stating that you were enrolled in an Essential Plan, and coverage would start September 1, 2016.

On September 20, 2016, you spoke to NYSOH's Account Review Unit and appealed the start date of your enrollment in the Essential insofar as it did not begin August 1, 2016.

On January 18, 2017, you had a telephone hearing with a Hearing Officer from NYSOH's Appeals Unit. The record was developed during the hearing and left open until February 1, 2017 to allow you to submit supporting documentation. No documentation was received within the allotted time. The record is now closed.

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## Findings of Fact

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

- 1) You submitted an application to NYSOH for financial assistance on July 19, 2016.
- 2) According to your NYSOH account and your testimony, you enrolled in an Essential Plan on July 19, 2016.
- 3) You testified that you lost that job and the health coverage provided by your former employer in April 2016.
- 4) According to your NYSOH account and your testimony, you will file taxes as single and claim no dependents. Your application states your expected income is \$19,526.00 and you confirmed this was correct.
- 5) You testified that in August 2016 you became ill and needed to be hospitalized for several days.
- 6) You testified that you wanted your enrollment in an Essential Plan to begin on August 1, 2016, because you have large medical expenses associated with your August 2016 hospitalization.

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

## Applicable Law and Regulations

### Essential Plan Effective Date

For individuals seeking enrollment in an Essential Plan, New York State has elected to follow the same rules that NYSOH uses in determining effective dates for individuals seeking enrollment in qualified health plans (NY Social Services Law § 369-gg(4)(c); New York's Basic Health Plan Blueprint, p. 16, as approved January 2016; see <https://www.medicaid.gov/basic-health-program/basic-health-program.html>).

The effective date of coverage by an Essential Plan is determined by the date on which an applicant selects a plan for enrollment. For individuals who are eligible for enrollment, NYSOH must generally ensure that coverage is effective the first day of the following month for selections received by NYSOH from the first to the fifteenth of any month (45 CFR §§ 155.410(f)(2), 155.420(b)(1)(i); see *also* 42 CFR § 600.320). For selections received by NYSOH from the sixteenth to the last

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day of any month, NYSOH must ensure coverage is effective the first day of the second following month (45 CFR §§ 155.410(f)(2), 155.420(b)(1)(ii)).

## **Legal Analysis**

The issue is whether NYSOH properly determined that your enrollment in the Essential Plan was effective September 1, 2016.

According to your NYSOH account and your testimony, you submitted your initial NYSOH application on July 19, 2016. As a result, you were found eligible for the Essential Plan as of September 1, 2016. The record also reflects that on July 19, 2016, you enrolled into an Essential Plan that day.

The date on which enrollment in an Essential Plan can take effect depends on the day a person selects the plan for enrollment.

A plan that is selected from the first day to and including the 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 to the end of the month goes into effect on the first day of the second following month.

On July 19, 2016, you selected an Essential Plan, so your enrollment properly took effect on the first day of the second month following July 2016; that is, on September 1, 2016.

Therefore, the July 20, 2016 enrollment confirmation notice stating that your enrollment in the Essential Plan was effective September 1, 2016, is correct and must be AFFIRMED.

## **Decision**

The July 20, 2016 eligibility determination notice is AFFIRMED.

The July 20, 2016 enrollment confirmation notice is AFFIRMED.

**Effective Date of this Decision:** March 7, 2017

## **How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility**

This decision does not change your eligibility.

The effective date of your Essential Health Plan is September 1, 2016.

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## **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.

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**

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