



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

Notice of Decision

Decision Date: April 14, 2017

NY State of Health Account ID: [REDACTED]
Appeal Identification Number: AP000000013928

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Dear [REDACTED],

On March 27, 2017, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's December 10, 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:
NY State of Health Appeals
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Albany, NY 12211
- Sending a Fax to 1-855-900-5557

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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 (NYSOH) properly determine that you were not eligible for Medicaid for October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016?

Procedural History

On November 10, 2016, you submitted an application for financial assistance with health insurance.

On November 11, 2016, NYSOH issued a notice of eligibility determination stating that you were eligible for Medicaid, effective November 1, 2016.

On December 9, 2016, you submitted an application for financial assistance with health insurance and indicated that you were seeking help paying for medical bills for October 2016. That day, NYSOH issued a preliminary eligibility determination stating that you were eligible to enroll in Medicaid as of December 1, 2016, but that you did not qualify for Medicaid for October 2016.

Also on December 9, 2016, you spoke to NYSOH's Account Review Unit and appealed that preliminary eligibility determination insofar as it denied retroactive Medicaid for the month of October 2016.

On December 10, 2016, NYSOH issued a notice of eligibility determination stating that you were to remain eligible for Medicaid. This eligibility was effective as of December 1, 2016.

Also on December 10, 2016, NYSOH issued an eligibility determination notice stating that you were not eligible for Medicaid for October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016 because the monthly household income of \$4,000.00 was over the allowable monthly income limit of \$1,843.00.

On March 27, 2017, you had a telephone hearing with a Hearing Officer from NYSOH's Appeals Unit. The record was developed during the hearing and held open until April 10, 2017, to allow you to submit supporting documents.

On March 27, 2017, two of your spouse's paystubs were uploaded to your NYSOH account, and these were collectively marked as Appellant's Exhibit #1 and incorporated into the record. The record is now closed.

Findings of Fact

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

- 1) You testified that you are seeking Medicaid for October 2016.
- 2) You testified that you expect to file your 2016 federal income tax return as married filing jointly, and claim no dependents.
- 3) You submitted applications for financial assistance on November 10, 2016 and on December 9, 2016.
- 4) Your application submitted on December 9, 2016, states that for the month of October 2016 your income was \$0.00, and that your spouse's income was \$4,000.00. You testified that amount was incorrect, and that while your income was \$0.00, your spouse's income was \$3,600.00 consisting of two bi-weekly paychecks of \$1,800.00.
- 5) On November 28, 2016, a letter from [REDACTED] was uploaded to your NYSOH account. The letter indicates that from December 23, 2015 to May 26, 2016 you were employed as a federal work-study student at [REDACTED].
- 6) You testified that you have not worked since May 26, 2016 and that you have not had any income since that time.
- 7) On November 10, 2016, a letter from [REDACTED] was uploaded to your NYSOH account. This letter indicates that your spouse's employment ended as of November 30, 2016.

- 8) You testified that your spouse has not returned to work since November 30, 2016, and that your spouse has had no other income since that time.
- 9) You testified that your spouse was employed by [REDACTED] in October 2016, and that he was paid on a bi-weekly basis.
- 10) On March 27, 2017, two of your spouse's paystubs were uploaded to your NYSOH account. The first is for pay date October 24, 2016 for a gross pay amount of \$2,102.62; the second is for pay date November 7, 2016 for a gross pay amount of \$2,108.70.
- 11) You testified that you have outstanding medical bills for October 2016.

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

Applicable Law and Regulations

Medicaid for Adults between the Ages of 19 and 65

Medicaid can be provided through NYSOH to adults who: (1) are age 19 or older and under age 65, (2) are not pregnant, (3) are not entitled to or enrolled for Medicare benefits under part A or B of title XVIII of the Act, (4) are not otherwise eligible for and enrolled for mandatory coverage under a State's Medicaid State plan in accordance with subpart B of this part, and (5) have a household modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) that is at or below 138% of the FPL for the applicable family size (42 CFR § 435.119(b), 42 CFR § 435.911(b)(1), 42 CFR § 435.603(d)(4)), NY Social Services Law § 366(1)(b)).

In an analysis of Medicaid eligibility, the determination is based on the FPL "for the applicable budget period used to determine an individual's eligibility" (42 CFR § 435.4). On the date of your application, that was the 2016 FPL, which is \$16,020.00 for a two-person household (81 Fed. Reg. 4036).

Retroactive Medicaid

The Department of Health must make Medicaid coverage start retroactively for up to three months prior to the month of an initial application if the individual received medical services that would have been covered under Medicaid and the individual would have been eligible for Medicaid at the time he received the services if he had applied (42 USCA § 1396A(34); 42 CFR § 435.915(a)). The Department of Health may make eligibility effective for fee-for-service Medicaid on the first day of the month if an individual was eligible any time during that month (42 CFR § 435.915(b)).

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Legal Analysis

The issue under review is whether NYSOH properly determined that you were not eligible for Medicaid for October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016.

You are in a two-person household; you file your taxes with a tax filing status of married filing jointly and claim no dependents on your tax return.

You submitted an application for financial assistance on December 9, 2016 and requested help in paying for medical bills for October 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016.

When an individual files an initial application for Medicaid, his or her eligibility for retroactive Medicaid depends on the date of application. To this end, it does not matter whether or not the initial application resulted in Medicaid going forward. Instead, an individual, who has filed an initial application for Medicaid through NYSOH, has the right to be evaluated for Medicaid for the three months before the month of his or her application.

Medicaid coverage can be made effective retroactively for up to three months prior to an individual's initial application if the individual received medical services that would have been covered under Medicaid and if they would have been eligible for Medicaid in those three months had they applied.

You testified that you are seeking Medicaid from October 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016.

Financial eligibility for Medicaid for applicants who are not currently receiving Medicaid benefits is based on current monthly household income and family size. To be eligible for Medicaid in October 2016, you would have needed to meet the non-financial criteria and have an income no greater than 138% of the 2016 FPL, which is \$1,843.00 per month. There is no indication in the record that you would have been ineligible for Medicaid based on non-financial criteria during October 2016.

You testified that you had no income in October 2016. You uploaded a letter of separation, showing you last worked on May 26, 2016. You testified that in October 2016 your spouse was paid on a bi-weekly basis, earning approximately \$1,800.00 per biweekly check, for a gross of \$3,600.00 per month. You only submitted one pay stub for income your spouse received in October 2016, which shows gross earnings of \$2,102.62. The application you submitted on December 9, 2016 indicates that your spouse received \$4,000.00 in income for October 2016. Therefore, the record reflects that your household income for October 2016 was at least \$2,102.62.

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Since a monthly income of at least \$2,102.62 was more than the \$1,843.00 monthly Medicaid limit for October 2016, NYSOH properly determined that you were not eligible for Medicaid coverage during that month. Therefore, the December 10, 2016 eligibility determination stating that you were not eligible for Medicaid in the month of October 2016, is correct and is AFFIRMED.

Decision

The December 10, 2016 eligibility determination is AFFIRMED.

Effective Date of this Decision: April 14, 2017

How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility

You are not eligible for Medicaid in the month of October 2016.

Your eligibility for Medicaid was effective as of November 1, 2016.

If You Disagree with this Decision (Appeal Rights)

This Decision is final unless you submit an appeal request to the Federal Marketplace 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 Federal Marketplace. 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 have questions about appealing to the Federal Marketplace, you can contact them in any of the following ways:

- By calling the Customer Service Center at 1-800-318-2596
- By mail at:

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Health Insurance Marketplace
Attn: Appeals
465 Industrial Blvd.
London, KY 40750-0061

- By fax: 1-877-369-0129

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 December 10, 2016 eligibility determination is AFFIRMED.

You are not eligible for Medicaid in the month of October 2016.

Your eligibility for Medicaid was effective as of November 1, 2016.

Legal Authority

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

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Getting Help in a Language Other than English

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