



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

Notice of Decision

Decision Date: June 07, 2017

NY State of Health Account ID: [REDACTED]
Appeal Identification Number: AP000000016012

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Dear [REDACTED],

On May 25, 2017 you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's February 22, 2017 eligibility determination notice.

The enclosed Decision, rendered after that hearing, is issued by the Appeals Unit of the 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 the NY State of Health about your appeal and/or the Decision, please refer to the Appeal Identification Number at the top of this letter.

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 the NY State of Health is:

Did New York State of Health (NYSOH) properly determine that you were not eligible for Medicaid coverage for the month of December 2016?

Procedural History

On November 14, 2016, you submitted an application for financial assistance through NYSOH.

Also on November 14, 2016, income documentation was uploaded to your NYSOH account (see Documents [REDACTED]).

On November 15, 2016, NYSOH issued a notice stating that the income information in your application does not match what NYSOH received from state and federal data sources. The notice directed you to submit proof of income by November 29, 2016, to confirm your eligibility.

On November 30, 2016, NYSOH issued a notice stating that the documentation reviewed did not confirm the information in your application. The notice directed you to send additional income documentation by December 14, 2016.

On December 12, 2016, your NYSOH account was updated.

On December 13, 2016, NYSOH issued a notice stating that the income information in your application does not match what NYSOH received from state and federal data sources. The notice directed you to submit proof of income by December 29, 2016, to confirm your eligibility.

On December 14, 2016, and December 19, 2016, additional income documentation was uploaded to your NYSOH account (see Documents [REDACTED]).

On January 5, 2017, your NYSOH account was updated.

On January 6, 2017, NYSOH issued an eligibility determination notice stating that you were eligible for Medicaid effective as of January 1, 2017.

On January 20, 2017, NYSOH issued a plan enrollment notice confirming that as of January 19, 2017, you were enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) plan with an enrollment start date of March 1, 2017.

On February 21, 2017, your NYSOH account was updated.

Also on February 21, 2017, you spoke with NYSOH's Account Review Unit and requested an appeal insofar as you were determined ineligible for Medicaid for the month of December 2016.

On February 22, 2017, NYSOH issued an eligibility determination notice stating that you remained eligible for Medicaid, effective as of February 1, 2017.

Also on February 22, 2017, NYSOH issued an eligibility determination notice stating that you were ineligible for Medicaid for December 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

On May 25, 2016, you had a scheduled telephone hearing with a Hearing Officer from the Appeals Unit of NYSOH. Your testimony was taken during the hearing, and the record was left open until May 30, 2017, to allow you to submit proof of your December 2016 income.

On May 30, 2017, you uploaded additional income documentation to your NYSOH account (see Documents [REDACTED]). That documentation has been incorporated into the record, and the record is now complete and closed.

Findings of Fact

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

- 1) According to your NYSOH account and testimony, you are applying for health insurance for yourself.
- 2) You testified that you filed a 2016 federal income tax return with the tax status of single and did not claim any dependents on that tax return.
- 3) According to your NYSOH account, you were determined eligible for Medicaid, effective January 1, 2017.
- 4) On February 21, 2017, your NYSOH account was updated to reflect that you were requesting help paying for medical bills for the month of December 2016.
- 5) According to your February 21, 2017 application, you attested to a December 2016 income of \$1,375.00.
- 6) According to your NYSOH account and testimony, you did not claim any deductions on your 2016 federal income tax return.
- 7) You testified that you were employed at [REDACTED] during the month of December 2016.
- 8) Your [REDACTED] biweekly earnings statements for December 2016 were uploaded to your NYSOH on December 19, 2016, and May 30, 2017. You were issued gross earnings of:
 - (a) \$392.99 on December 1, 2016;
 - (b) \$517.21 on December 19, 2016;
 - (c) \$243.75 on December 29, 2016(see Documents [REDACTED])
- 9) Your [REDACTED] weekly earnings statements for December 2016 were uploaded to your NYSOH on December 14, 2016, and May 30, 2017. You were issued gross earnings of:
 - (a) \$43.13 on December 2, 2016;
 - (b) \$219.88 on December 9, 2016;
 - (c) \$135.70 on December 16, 2016;
 - (d) \$249.4 on December 23, 2016

(see Documents [REDACTED]).

10) You testified that you incurred \$1,233.17 in medical expenses in December 2016, and want Medicaid to cover those medical expenses.

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

Applicable Law and Regulations

Medicaid:

Medicaid can be provided through the Marketplace 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 that is at or below 138% of the federal poverty for the applicable family size (42 CFR § 435.119(b), 42 CFR § 435.603(d)(4)), N.Y. Soc. Serv. Law § 366(1)(b)).

In the case of an individual who expects to file a tax return and does not expect to be claimed by another taxpayer, the household consists of the taxpayer and all persons whom such individual expects to claim as a tax dependent (42 CFR § 435.603(f)(1)).

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 \$11,880.00 for a one-person household (81 Fed. Reg. 4036).

Financial eligibility for Medicaid for applicants who are not currently receiving Medicaid benefits is based on current monthly household income and family size (42 CFR § 435.603(h)(1); State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-0055-MM3, as approved by the US Department of Health and Human Services, March 19, 2014).

Medicaid Retroactive Coverage:

NYSOH must make Medicaid eligibility effective no later than the third month before the month of application if the individual received medical services that would have been covered under Medicaid and would have been eligible for Medicaid at the time he received the services if they had applied (42 CFR

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435.915(a)). NYSOH 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)).

Legal Analysis

The issue under review is whether NYSOH properly determined that you were ineligible for Medicaid coverage for the month of December 2016.

The record reflects that you filed your 2016 federal income tax return with the tax status of single and did not claim any dependents on that tax return. Therefore, you are in a one-person household for purposes of this analysis.

The record supports that you were found eligible for Medicaid effective January 1, 2017, and it was indicated in your February 21, 2017 application that you were seeking help paying for medical bills for the month of December 2016.

Medicaid coverage can be made effective retroactively for up to three months prior to an individual's application if they would have been eligible for Medicaid in those three months had they applied.

Medicaid can be provided through the NYSOH to adults between the ages of 19 and 65 who meet the non-financial requirements and have a household modified adjusted gross income that is at or below 138% of the FPL for the applicable family size.

On the dates of your applications, the FPL was \$11,880.00 for a one-person household. Financial eligibility for Medicaid applicants who are not currently receiving Medicaid benefits may be based on current monthly household income and family size. In order for an adult to be eligible for Medicaid in a household of one, their monthly must not exceed \$1,367.00.

You testified that you were employed at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in December 2016. Based on the documentation uploaded to your NYSOH account, you were issued (\$392.99 (+) \$517.21 (+) \$243.75) \$1,153.95 in gross earnings from [REDACTED], and (\$43.13 (+) \$219.88 (+) \$135.70 (+) \$249.4) at least \$648.11 in gross earnings from [REDACTED]. Therefore, your December 2016 income was at least \$1,802.06.

As such, your household income of \$1,802.06 in December 2016 exceeded the income threshold for you to be eligible for Medicaid that month. Therefore, the February 22, 2017 eligibility determination notice stating that you were ineligible for Medicaid from December 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 is AFFIRMED.

Decision

The February 22, 2017, eligibility determination notice is **AFFIRMED**.

Effective Date of this Decision: June 07, 2017

How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility

You were ineligible for Medicaid coverage from December 1, 2016 through December 31, 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:
Health Insurance Marketplace
Attn: Appeals
465 Industrial Blvd.
London, KY 40750-0061
- By fax: 1-877-369-0129

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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 February 22, 2017, eligibility determination notice is **AFFIRMED**.

You were ineligible for Medicaid coverage from December 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Legal Authority

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