

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

Notice of Decision

Decision Date: September 18, 2017

NY State of Health Account ID: Appeal Identification Number: AP000000019170

Dear

On August 28, 2017, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's April 15, 2017, enrollment confirmation 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 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 Medicaid Managed Care plan began May 1, 2017?

Procedural History

On December 15, 2016, NYSOH received your application for financial assistance.

On December 16, 2016, NYSOH issued a notice of eligibility determination stating you were conditionally eligible for advance payments of the premium tax credit up to \$289.00 per month, and eligible for cost sharing reductions if you enrolled in a silver level qualified health plan, effective January 1, 2017. The notice requested you provide proof of your income by March 15, 2017.

On December 16, 2016, an enrollment notice was issued confirming your enrollment on December 15, 2016, in a silver level qualified health plan, starting January 1, 2017.

No income documentation was received by March 15, 2017.

On March 21, 2017, NYSOH redetermined your eligibility.

On March 22, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice of eligibility determination stating you were newly eligible to purchase a qualified health plan at full cost, effective May 1, 2017. The notice stated this was because NYSOH did not receive the income documentation needed to confirm the income listed in your application.

On April 14, 2017, NYSOH received your updated application for financial assistance.

On April 15, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice stating you were eligible for Medicaid, effective April 1, 2017.

Also on April 15, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice stating your silver level qualified health plan would be terminated, effective April 30, 2017.

Finally, on April 15, 2017, an enrollment notice was issued confirming your enrollment on April 14, 2017 in a Medicaid Managed Care plan starting May 1, 2017.

On May 5, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice stating you are eligible for Medicaid for the months of February, and March, 2017.

On May 22, 2017, you contacted the NYSOH Account Review Unit and requested an appeal of the start date of your Medicaid Managed Care plan, requesting that it begin March 1, 2017.

On August 28, 2017, you had a telephone hearing with a Hearing Officer from NYSOH's Appeals Unit. During the hearing, you amended your appeal to reflect you wanted your Medicaid Managed Care plan enrollment backdated to February 1, 2017. The record was developed during the hearing and closed at the end of the hearing.

Findings of Fact

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

- 1) You testified, and the record reflects, that you are appealing your enrollment start date of your Medicaid Managed Care plan.
- 2) According to your NYSOH account, NYSOH received your application for financial assistance on April 14, 2017.
- 3) You were found eligible for Medicaid effective April 1, 2017.
- 4) The record reflects that you selected a Medicaid Managed Care plan on April 14, 2017.

5) You testified that you want your Medicaid Managed Care plan to begin on February 1, 2017 because you did not pay your monthly premium to your qualified health plan, and although you were found eligible for Medicaid during those months, you have bills that were submitted to Medicaid for reimbursement which you are not certain will be covered for those months.

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

Applicable Law and Regulations

<u>Medicaid</u>

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 Eligibility Changes under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010,13ADM-03(III)(F)).

Medicaid Managed Care 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 42 USC § 1315; § 364-j(1)(c); 18 NYCRR § 360-10.3(h), Medicaid Eligibility Changes under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010,13ADM-03(III)(F)).

Legal Analysis

The issue under review is whether NYSOH properly determined that your enrollment in your Medicaid Managed Care plan was effective May 1, 2017.

On April 14, 2017, you contacted NYSOH and submitted an application for financial assistance. That day, you were found eligible for Medicaid and enrolled into a Medicaid Managed Care plan.

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 from the first day to and including the fifteenth day of a month will go into effect on the first day of the following month. A plan that is selected on or after the sixteenth day of the month will go into effect on the first day of the second following month.

Since you selected a Medicaid Managed Care plan on April 14, 2017. Your plan would therefore properly take effect on the first day of the month following April, 2017; that is, on May 1, 2017.

Therefore, the April 15, 2017, enrollment confirmation notice stating that your enrollment in your Medicaid Managed Care plan would be effective May 1, 2017, was correct and must be AFFIRMED.

Decision

The April 15, 2017, enrollment confirmation notice is AFFIRMED.

Effective Date of this Decision: September 18, 2017

How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility

Your enrollment in your Medicaid Managed Care plan is May 1, 2017.

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

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.

If You Have Questions about this Decision (Customer Service Resources):

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Summary

The April 15, 2017, enrollment confirmation notice is AFFIRMED.

Your enrollment in your Medicaid Managed Care plan is May 1, 2017.

Legal Authority

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

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