



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

Notice of Decision

Decision Date: September 12, 2017

NY State of Health Account ID: [REDACTED]
Appeal Identification Number: AP000000019171

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Dear [REDACTED],

On August 28, 2017, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's May 17, 2017 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
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Legal Authority

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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 newborn child was not eligible for Medicaid for April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017?

Procedural History

On May 16, 2017, NY State of Health (NYSOH) received your updated application for financial assistance with health insurance. This application indicated that your newborn child was seeking help for paying for medical bills for April 2017.

On May 17, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice of eligibility determination stating that your newborn child was eligible for Medicaid. This eligibility was effective as of May 1, 2017.

Also on May 17, 2017, NYSOH issued an eligibility determination notice stating that your newborn child was not eligible for Medicaid for April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017 because the monthly household income of \$3,800.00 is over the allowable monthly income limit of \$3,795.00.

On May 22, 2017, you spoke to NYSOH's Account Review Unit and appealed that eligibility determination notice insofar as it denied retroactive Medicaid for your newborn child for the month of April 2017.

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On August 28, 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 September 12, 2017 to allow you to submit supporting documents.

On September 7, 2017, NYSOH received the requested documentation and it was incorporated into the record as "Appellant's Exhibit #1". The record was closed that day.

Findings of Fact

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

- 1) You testified that you are seeking Medicaid for your newborn child from April 1, 2017 to April 30, 2017.
- 2) You testified that you expect to file your 2017 federal income tax return as head of household with one qualifying individual.
- 3) The record indicates that your newborn child resides with you and your spouse.
- 4) You submitted an application for financial assistance on May 16, 2017.
- 5) You testified that you were paid biweekly.
- 6) You testified that you worked until April 21, 2017, and went out on disability on [REDACTED].
- 7) You faxed two of your biweekly paystubs; which included a paystub dated April 7, 2017 for a gross pay amount of \$1,923.00, and a paystub dated April 21, 2017 for a gross pay amount of \$1923.00.
- 8) You faxed a document from [REDACTED] indicating that your first day of disability was April 22, 2017, and that you were paid \$170.00 on April 29, 2017.
- 9) You testified that your spouse is paid biweekly.
- 10) You faxed two of your spouse's biweekly paystubs; which included a paystub dated April 4, 2017 for a gross amount of \$1,586.40, and a paystub dated April 18, 2017 for a gross amount of \$1,450.60.
- 11) You testified that you do not plan on taking any deductions on your tax return.

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

Applicable Law and Regulations

Medicaid for Children

A child who is under one year of age is eligible for Medicaid if he or she meets the non-financial criteria and has a household modified adjusted gross income that falls at or below 223% of the federal poverty level (FPL) for the applicable family size (42 CFR § 435.118(c); New York State Department of Social Services Administrative Directive 13 OHIP/ADM-03).

In the case where a child is claimed by one parent as a dependent and who is living with both parents who are not filing a joint tax return (42 CFR § 435.603(f)(2)(ii)), the child's family includes the following persons, if living with the child: (1) the child's parents, (2) the child's spouse, (3) the child's children and siblings under the age of 19, or 21 if a full-time student (42 CFR § 435.603(f)(3)).

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 2017 FPL, which is \$20,420.00 for a three-person household (82 Fed. Reg. 8831).

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)).

Legal Analysis

The issue under review is whether NYSOH properly determined that your newborn child was not eligible for Medicaid for April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017.

When calculating household size for a child who is living with both parents but only claimed by one parent as a tax dependent, the household consists of the child, and both parents.

The record indicates, and you confirmed, that you plan on filing your 2017 federal tax return as head of household with one qualifying individual. However, your application also indicates that your newborn child resided with you and your spouse. Consequently, your child is in a three-person household.

You submitted an application for financial assistance on May 16, 2017 and requested help paying for medical bills for your newborn child from the month of April 2017.

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 that 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 for your newborn child from April 1, 2017 to April 30, 2017.

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 April 2017, your newborn child would have needed to meet the non-financial criteria and have an income no greater than 223% of the FPL, which is \$3,795.00 per month. There is no indication in the record that your newborn child would have been ineligible for Medicaid based on non-financial criteria during April 2017.

You testified that you were paid bi-weekly. However, you testified that you stopped working and went on short term disability starting April 22, 2017. You faxed a paystub dated April 7, 2017 for a gross pay amount of \$1,923.08 and a paystub dated April 21, 2017 for a gross pay amount of \$1,923.08. You also faxed a letter from [REDACTED] stating that your first day of disability was April 22, 2017, and that your first disability payment was paid on April 29, 2017 in the amount of \$170.00. Therefore, the record indicates that in the month of April 2017, you had a monthly income of \$4,016.16.

You testified that your spouse is paid bi-weekly. You faxed a paystub dated April 5, 2017 for a gross pay amount of \$1586.40, and a paystub dated April 18, 2017 for a gross pay amount of \$1450.60. Therefore, the record indicates that in the month of April 2017, your spouse had a monthly income of \$3,037.00.

Therefore, your newborn child's monthly household income for the month of April 2017 was \$7,053.16.

Since a monthly household income of \$7,053.16 is more than the \$3,795.00 monthly Medicaid limit for April 2017, NYSOH properly determined that your newborn child was not eligible for Medicaid coverage during that month.

Therefore, the May 17, 2017 eligibility determination stating that your newborn child was not eligible for Medicaid in the month of April 2017, is correct and is AFFIRMED.

Decision

The May 17, 2017 eligibility determination is AFFIRMED.

Effective Date of this Decision: September 12, 2017

How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility

Your newborn child was not eligible for Medicaid in the month of April 2017.

Your newborn child's eligibility for Medicaid was effective as of 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.

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Decision Date, which appears on the first page of this Decision (45 CFR § 155.520(c)).

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- 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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Summary

The May 17, 2017 eligibility determination is **AFFIRMED**.

Your newborn child was not eligible for Medicaid in the month of April 2017.

Your newborn child's eligibility for Medicaid was effective as of May 1, 2017.

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