

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

# **Notice of Decision**

Decision Date: October 06, 2017

NY State of Health Account ID: Appeal Identification Number: AP000000020427



On October 3, 2017, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's June 21, 2017 plan enrollment notice.

The enclosed Decision, rendered after that hearing, is issued by the Appeals Unit of NY State of Health.

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# Legal Authority

We are sending you this notice in accordance with Code of Federal Regulation 45 CFR § 155.545(b).

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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 your newborn child was enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) plan with an enrollment start date of August 1, 2017?

# **Procedural History**

On June 19, 2017, your newborn child was added to your NYSOH account and an application for financial assistance was submitted on their behalf.

On June 20, 2017, NYSOH issued an eligibility determination notice stating that your newborn child was eligible for Medicaid, effective June 1, 2017.

On June 21, 2017, NYSOH issued a plan enrollment notice confirming, in relevant part, that your newborn child was enrolled in a MMC plan as of June 20, 2017, with an enrollment start date of August 1, 2017

On July 11, 2017, you spoke with NYSOH's Account Review Unit and requested an appeal insofar as the enrollment start date of your newborn child's MMC was August 1, 2017, and not June 1, 2017.

On October 3, 2017, you had a telephone hearing with a Hearing Officer from NYSOH's Appeals Unit. 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) According to your NYSOH account and testimony, your child was born on
- 2) According to your NYSOH account, your child was added to your account on June 19, 2017, and was determined eligible for Medicaid.
- 3) According to your NYSOH account, your child was enrolled in a MMC plan on June 20, 2017.
- 4) According to your NYSOH account and testimony, you and spouse were not enrolled in any health insurance through NYSOH on the date of your newborn child's birth.
- 5) You testified that you and your spouse were not enrolled in any NYSOH health insurance plan on June 13, 2017, because you were enrolled in employer-sponsored health insurance.
- 6) You testified that you want your newborn child's MMC plan to begin on June 1, 2017, to cover the medical expenses that were incurred in that month.

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

## **Applicable Law and Regulations**

## Medicaid - 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 FPL for the applicable family size. (42 CFR § 435.118(c); New York Department of Health Administrative Directive 13 OHIP/ADM-03).

## Medicaid - Effective Date

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 coverage must be provided to a child born to a woman who has been determined eligible and is receiving Medicaid on the date of the child's birth (42 CFR § 435.117(a), N.Y. Soc. Serv. Law § 366-g(3)).

## Medicaid Managed Care – Effective Date

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)).

Newborn children not excluded from enrolling in a MMC plan shall be enrolled in the MMC in which the newborn's mother is an enrollee, effective from the first day of the child's month of birth (Medicaid Managed Care Model Contract § 6.7(a), effective 3/1/2014 - 2/28/2019).

## Legal Analysis

The issue under review is whether NYSOH properly determined that your newborn child's MMC plan was effective August 1, 2017.

Medicaid coverage must be provided to a child born to a woman who has been determined eligible for and is receiving Medicaid on the date of the child's birth. If a newborn child's mother is enrolled in a MMC plan, the child shall be enrolled in the mother's MMC, effective the first day of the child's month of birth.

The record reflects that your child was born on **sector**. Your child was added to your NYSOH account on June 19, 2017, and enrolled in an MMC plan on June 20, 2017. Further, you testified that you and your spouse were not enrolled in any NYSOH health insurance plan on the date of your newborn child's birth because you were enrolled in employer-sponsored health insurance.

Since you were not enrolled in a MMC plan on the date of your newborn's birth, your child is not eligible to be enrolled in a MMC effective their date of birth.

The date on which a Medicaid Managed Care plan can take effect depends on the day a person selects the plan for enrollment. 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 On June 20, 2017, your newborn child was enrolled in a MMC plan, so it should be effective on the first day of the second following month; that is, on August 1, 2017.

Therefore, June 21, 2017 plan enrollment notice is AFFIRMED insofar as it stated that your newborn child was enrolled in a MMC effective August 1, 2017.

## Decision

The June 21, 2017 plan enrollment notice is AFFIRMED insofar as it stated that your newborn child was enrolled in a MMC effective August 1, 2017.

## Effective Date of this Decision: October 06, 2017

# How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility

Your newborn child had coverage through Medicaid Fee-For-Service as of June 1, 2017.

Your newborn child's MMC plan enrollment start date is August 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

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

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## Summary

The June 21, 2017 plan enrollment notice is AFFIRMED insofar as it stated that your newborn child was enrolled in a MMC effective August 1, 2017.

Your newborn child had coverage through Medicaid Fee-For-Service through NYSOH as of June 1, 2017.

Your newborn child's MMC plan enrollment start date is August 1, 2017.

# Legal Authority

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