



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

NOTICE OF DISMISSAL – INVALID APPEAL REQUEST

Notice Date: November 17, 2017

NY State of Health Account ID: [REDACTED]
Appeal Identification Number: AP000000021092

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

On November 25, 2015, NY State of Health (NYSOH) issued a notice of eligibility determination stating that you and your spouse were eligible to receive advance premium tax credit (APTC) of up to \$485.00 per month and cost-sharing reductions if you enrolled in a silver-level qualified health plan, effective January 1, 2016.

On December 15, 2015, NYSOH issued a plan enrollment notice confirming your and your spouse's enrollment in a qualified health plan with the application of your APTC, effective January 1, 2016.

On or around May 1, 2017, you contacted NYSOH to file a complaint about the continuous billing problems that you and your spouse have been encountering for the past six months with your qualified health plan. The incident report that was created at that time indicated that your qualified health plan had erroneously disenrolled you and your spouse from coverage for the months of November 2016 and December 2016 due to non-payment of premiums (see Incident # [REDACTED]). The record indicates that from this date forward, there have been multiple incident reports filed all relating to the billing problems with your qualified health plan.

On August 2, 2017, you spoke to NYSOH's Account Review Unit and appealed the fact that you and your spouse were disenrolled from your qualified health plan coverage for the months of November 2016 and December 2016.

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On November 1, 2017, you had a telephone hearing with a Hearing Officer from NYSOH's Appeals Unit. You testified that you initially filed the appeal because you and your spouse were erroneously disenrolled from your qualified health plan coverage for the months of November 2016 and December 2016 due to non-payment of premiums. However, you further testified that your and your spouse's qualified health plan had recently agreed to reinstate your coverage for the months of November 2016 and December 2016 after you had submitted proof of payment for the months in question. You further testified that you are now seeking to ensure that NYSOH records indicate that you and your spouse had coverage through your qualified health plan for the months of November 2016 and December 2016.

Why Your Appeal Request Is Not Valid

An applicant has the right to appeal to NYSOH's Appeals Unit: (1) an eligibility determination, including the amount of advance payments of the premium tax credit and level of cost-sharing reductions; (2) a redetermination of eligibility, including the amount of advance payments of the premium tax credit and level of cost-sharing reductions; (3) a failure by NYSOH to provide timely notice of an eligibility determination 45 CFR § 155.505; and (4) a denial of a request for a special enrollment period (45 CFR § 155.505(b)(1)(iii), 45 CFR § 155.305(b), and 45 CFR § 155.420(d)).

Your testimony at the hearing indicates that your qualified health plan has corrected the issue on appeal prior to the hearing, and you and your spouse have been reenrolled into your health plan with health insurance coverage for the months of November 2016 and December 2016. During the hearing, you testified that you are now seeking to ensure that NYSOH reflects this change in their system. This issue relates to disenrollment from a qualified health plan due to non-payment of premiums and the contractual agreement made between an enrollee and a qualified health plan, which is not an issue that the NYSOH's Appeals Unit is authorized to address. Therefore, we must dismiss your appeal.

However, your case is being sent back to Plan Management to investigate your and your spouse's claim against your qualified health plan (see Incident # [REDACTED]), and to confirm whether your health plan actually reinstated your and your spouse's health insurance coverage for the months of November 2016 and December 2016. Plan Management will inform you of the outcome of its investigation accordingly.

In addition, since your issue concerns a health insurer and/or payment, reimbursement, coverage, benefits, rates and premiums, you can contact NY Department of Financial Services at their Consumer Hotline at (800) 342-3736. If you need this information in a language other than English or you need assistance reading this notice, we can help you. Call 1-855-355-5777 (TTY – English: 1-800-662-1220) (TTY – Spanish: 1-877-662-4886).

(Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM); or locally to (212) 480-6400; or you can file a complaint at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumer/fileacomplaint.htm>.

How does this Dismissal Affect Your Eligibility?

This Decision does not affect your and your spouse's current eligibility.

Your case is being sent back to Plan Management to investigate the claim with your qualified health (see Incident # [REDACTED]), and to confirm whether your health plan actually reinstated your and your spouse's health insurance coverage for the months of November 2016 and December 2016. If confirmed that your and your spouse's health insurance coverage was reinstated by the health plan for these two months, your NYSOH account should be updated or noted to reflect that reinstatement occurred.

Plan Management will inform you of the outcome of its investigation accordingly.

If You Think Your Appeal Should Not Be Dismissed

If you think your appeal should not be dismissed, you can ask us to vacate, or cancel, this dismissal. In that writing, you must explain why you think this dismissal should be vacated and if your issue differs from the one discussed above.

If you ask us in writing to vacate this dismissal, NYSOH's Appeals Unit will review your request and send you a decision on that request.

If we deny your request to vacate this dismissal, we will tell you that in writing.

If you do not respond to this notice within 30 days, your appeal will remain dismissed. No further action will be taken on it by NYSOH.

Appeal Identification Number

When communicating with NYSOH about this appeal, please reference Appeal Identification Number and the Account ID at the top of this notice.

How to Contact NYSOH

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You can contact us in any of the following ways:

- By calling the Customer Service Center at 1-855-355-5777
- By mail at:
NY State of Health Appeals
P.O. Box 11729
Albany, NY 12211
- By fax: 1-855-900-5557

Legal Authority

We are sending you this notice in accordance with 45 CFR § 155.530.

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Getting Help in a Language Other than English

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Español (Spanish)

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中文 (Traditional Chinese)

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Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

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Italiano (Italian)

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한국어 (Korean)

중요한 서류입니다. 이해하는 데 도움이 필요하시면 1-855-355-5777번으로 연락해 주십시오. 귀하의 언어에 대한 무료 통역 서비스가 제공됩니다.

Русский (Russian)

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العربية (Arabic)

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(Bengali)

1-855-355-5777

Français (French)

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हिंदी (Hindi)

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日本語 (Japanese)

これは重要な書類です。理解するために支援が必要な場合は、1-855-355-5777 にお電話ください。通訳を無料で提供いたします。

नेपाली (Nepali)

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Polski (Polish)

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Twí (Twi)

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(Urdu) اردو

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Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

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אידיש (Yiddish)

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