



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

Notice of Decision

Decision Date: November 24, 2017

NY State of Health Account ID: [REDACTED]
Appeal Identification Number: AP000000021508

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Dear [REDACTED],

On October 23, 2017, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's July 29, 2017 plan enrollment 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
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NY State of Health Appeals
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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 (NYSOH) properly determine that your enrollment in your Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) plan was effective September 1, 2017?

Procedural History

On July 14, 2017, NYSOH issued an eligibility determination notice, based on your July 13, 2017 application, stating that you were eligible for Medicaid, effective August 1, 2017.

Also on July 14, 2017, NYSOH issued a plan enrollment notice, based on the plan you selected on July 13, 2017, stating that you were enrolled in an MMC plan with Fidelis Care, and that your coverage would start on August 1, 2017.

On July 29, 2017, NYSOH issued an enrollment notice in the plan you selected on July 28, 2017, stating that you were enrolled in an MMC plan with Excellus Health Plan, and that your coverage would start on September 1, 2017.

Also on July 29, 2017, NYSOH issued a disenrollment notice stating your coverage in the MMC plan with Fidelis Care would end on August 31, 2017. This was because on July 28, 2017, you had requested NYSOH to end this coverage.

On August 16, 2017, you spoke to NYSOH's Account Review Unit and appealed the start date of your enrollment in your MMC plan with Excellus Health Plan insofar as it did not begin August 1, 2017.

On October 23, 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) You submitted an initial application to NYSOH for financial assistance on July 13, 2017.
- 2) You testified that in the initial application of July 13, 2017, the NYSOH representative put your college address down as your residence and this was in Oswego County.
- 3) You testified that you actually reside in Monroe County, New York.
- 4) You testified as a result of this error in county of residence, you were initially unable to select Excellus Health Plan as your MMC plan.
- 5) According to your NYSOH account and your testimony, on July 28, 2017 your county of residence was corrected to Monroe County.
- 6) According to your NYSOH account and your testimony, on July 28, 2017, you changed your MMC plan from Fidelis Care to Excellus Health Plan.
- 7) You testified that you did not incur any medical bills during the month of August 2017 because you rescheduled doctor visits until your county of residence was corrected and you were able to change your MMC plan to Excellus Health Plan, which began September 1, 2017.
- 8) You testified that you want your MMC plan with Excellus Health Plan to begin August 1, 2017.
- 9) You testified that you filed this appeal to have your complaint about the error not being addressed when it occurred.

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

Applicable Law and Regulations

Medicaid

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 (MMC) 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 the MMC plan with Excellus Health Plan was effective September 1, 2017.

You testified that you contacted NYSOH on July 13, 2017 and, during that initial application, the NYSOH customer service representative erred in listing your college address in Oswego County as your residence instead of your home address located in Monroe County. You testified that as a result of this error in county of residence, you were unable to select Excellus Health Plan as your MMC plan. According to your NYSOH account and your testimony, the error in the county of your residence was corrected on July 28, 2017. On July 28, 2017, you requested to end your coverage in the Fidelis Care plan and selected Excellus Health Plan as your MMC plan.

You further testified that you did not incur any medical bills during the month of August 2017 because you rescheduled doctor visits until your county of residence was corrected and you were able to change your MMC plan to Excellus Health Plan, which began September 1, 2017. Notwithstanding, you also testified that you want your MMC plan coverage with Excellus Health Plan to begin August 1, 2017, because your complaint at the time was not adequately addressed. Since there is no meritorious reason to justify a change in MMC plans before September 1, 2017, the general start date rules apply.

The date on which a MMC 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.

On July 28, 2017, you selected an MMC plan with Excellus Health Plan, so it properly took effect on the first day of the second month following after July 2017; that is, on September 1, 2017.

Therefore, the July 29, 2017 plan enrollment notice stating that your enrollment in your MMC plan with Excellus Health Plan was effective September 1, 2017 is **AFFIRMED**.

Decision

The July 29, 2017 plan enrollment notice is **AFFIRMED**.

Effective Date of this Decision: November 24, 2017

How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility

This decision does not change your eligibility.

The effective date of your MMC plan with Excellus Health Plan is September 1, 2017.

You had MMC coverage with Fidelis Care for the month of August 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

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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.

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Summary

The July 29, 2017 plan enrollment notice is AFFIRMED.

This decision does not change your eligibility.

The effective date of your MMC plan with Excellus Health Plan is September 1, 2017.

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You had MMC coverage with Fidelis Care for the month of August 2017.

Legal Authority

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

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