

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

Notice of Decision

Decision Date: November 9, 2017

NY State of Health Account ID: Appeal Identification Number: AP000000021743



On October 27, 2017, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's August 1, 2017 disenrollment 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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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 children's enrollment in their Child Health Plus plan ended effective August 31, 2017?

Procedural History

According to your NYSOH account, your children were enrolled in a Child Health Plus plan at full cost with a premium of \$232.21 per month each as of June 1, 2017.

On August 1, 2017, NYSOH issued a disenrollment notice, based on your July 31, 2017 disenrollment request, indicating that your children's coverage in their Child Health Plus plan would end effective August 31, 2017.

On August 23, 2017, you contacted the NYSOH Account Review Unit and appealed the date your children were disenrolled from their Child Health Plus plan, requesting the disenrollment be made effective July 31, 2017.

On October 27, 2017, you had a telephone hearing with a Hearing Officer from the NYSOH's Appeals Unit. The record was developed during the hearing and held open to November 11, 2017 to allow you time to submit supporting documentation.

On November 1, 2017, you submitted a letter from your children's insurance company, two bills from that insurance company, and a copy of your children's

new insurance cards. These documents were made part of the record as "Appellant's Exhibit A." Since the required documentation was received and no further documentation was necessary, the record closed that day.

Findings of Fact

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

- 1) You testified, and submitted documentation to show, that you recently moved out of New York State and were advised by a NYSOH representative that you should purchase health coverage for your children in your new location **because** they would be without coverage as of August 1, 2017. As such, you purchased health coverage for your children through a private health insurance company in **because**, with an effective date of August 1, 2017 (*see* Appellant's Exhibit A, pp. 2 8).
- According to your NYSOH account and your testimony, you contacted NYSOH to disenroll your children from their Child Health Plus plan through NYSOH on July 31, 2017.
- 3) You testified, and submitted documentation to show, that you paid a premium to your children's Child Health Plus plan in both New York and for the month of August 2017.
- 4) You testified that you are seeking to have your children retroactively disenrolled from their Child Health Plus plan effective July 31, 2017.

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

Applicable Law and Regulations

Child Health Plus Disenrollment Date

The State plan must include a description of the state's policies governing enrollment and disenrollment (see 42 CFR § 457.305(b)). Eligibility rules are set out in NY Public Health Law §2511(2), as well as in the NYSDOH 2008-2012 Contract and Plan Manual.

If the enrollee requests a disenrollment, the request is effective the first day of the month following the receipt of the enrollee's request or effective on a future date if requested by the enrollee (Child Health Plus Agreement (Appendix C §§

12.1, 12.2, effective 1/1/2008 –12/31/2012)). NYSOH currently follows this established practice.

Legal Analysis

The issue under review is whether NYSOH properly determined that your children's enrollment in their Child Health Plus plan ended effective August 31, 2017.

According to your NYSOH account, your children were enrolled in a Child Health Plus plan at full cost with a premium of \$232.21 per month each as of June 1, 2017.

On July 31, 2017, you contacted NYSOH and requested that your children be disenrolled from their Child Health Plus plan. On August 1, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice stating that your children were disenrolled from their plan, effective August 31, 2017.

Enrollees may request disenrollment from their Child Health Plus plan at any time. If the enrollee requests a disenrollment, the request is effective the first day of the month following the receipt of the enrollee's request, or effective on a future date if requested by the enrollee.

Since you requested to terminate your children's enrollment in their Child Health Plus plan on July 31, 2017, their enrollment should have been terminated effective the first day of the following month; that is, on August 1, 2017.

Therefore, the August 1, 2017 disenrollment notice is MODIFIED to state that your children's enrollment in their Child Health Plus plan ended effective July 31, 2017.

Your case is RETURNED to NYSOH to disenroll your children from their Child Health Plus plan as of July 31, 2017.

Decision

The August 1, 2017 disenrollment notice is MODIFIED to state that your children's enrollment in their Child Health Plus plan ended effective July 31, 2017.

Your case is RETURNED to NYSOH to disenroll your children from their Child Health Plus plan as of July 31, 2017, and to notify you accordingly.

Effective Date of this Decision: November 9, 2017

How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility

Your case is being sent back to NYSOH to disenroll your children from their Child Health Plus plan as of July 31, 2017. NYSOH will notify you once this has been completed.

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

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Your case is RETURNED to NYSOH to disenroll your children from their Child Health Plus plan as of July 31, 2017, and to notify you accordingly.

Your case is sent back to NYSOH to disenroll your children from their Child Health Plus plan as of July 31, 2017. NYSOH will notify you once this has been completed.

Legal Authority

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

A Copy of this Decision Has Been Provided To:



Getting Help in a Language Other than English

This is an important document. If you need help to understand it, please call 1-855-355-5777. We can give you an interpreter for free in the language you speak.

Español (Spanish)

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中文 (Traditional Chinese)

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Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

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<u>中文 (Simplified Chinese)</u>

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Italiano (Italian)

Questo è un documento importante. Per qualsiasi chiarimento può chiamare il numero 1-855-355-5777. Possiamo metterle a disposizione un interprete nella sua lingua.

<u> 한국어 (Korean)</u>

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Русский (Russian)

Это важный документ. Если Вам нужна помощь для понимания этого документа, позвоните по телефону 1-855-355-5777. Мы можем бесплатно предоставить Вам переводчика Вашего языка.

(Arabic)العربية

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বাংলা (Bengali)

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Français (French)

Ceci est un document important. Si vous avez besoin d'aide pour en comprendre le contenu, appelez le 1-855-355-5777. Nous pouvons mettre gratuitement à votre disposition un interprète dans votre langue.

<u>हिंदी (Hindi)</u>

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日本語 (Japanese)

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<u>नेपाली (Nepali)</u>

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Polski (Polish)

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<u>Twi (Twi)</u>

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<u>ار دو (Urdu)</u>

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