



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

Notice of Decision

Decision Date: November 6, 2017

NY State of Health Account ID: [REDACTED]
Appeal Identification Number: AP000000021751

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Dear [REDACTED],

On October 26, 2017, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's August 24, 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:
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Albany, NY 12211
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Legal Authority

We are sending you this notice in accordance with Code of Federal Regulation 45 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 properly determine that your children were eligible to enroll in full pay Child Health Plus plans, effective October 1, 2017?

Procedural History

On August 23, 2017, NY State of Health (NYSOH) received your family's application for financial assistance health insurance. That day a preliminary eligibility determination was prepared finding your children eligible to enroll in full pay Child Health Plus plans.

Also on August 23, 2017, you spoke to NYSOH's Account Review Unit and appealed that determination insofar as your children were not eligible for financial assistance with their Child Health Plus premiums.

On August 24, 2017, NYSOH issued an eligibility determination notice stating that your children were eligible to enroll in full pay Child Health Plus plans, effective October 1, 2017.

On October 26, 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 testified that you expect to file your 2017 tax return with a tax filing status of married filing jointly. You will claim your three children as dependents on that tax return.
- 2) The application that was submitted on August 23, 2017 listed annual household income of \$129,779.00, consisting of \$50,209.00 you earn from your employment and \$79,570.00 your spouse earns from his employment. You testified that this amount was correct, but you would like your household's income after taxes to be considered.
- 3) At the time of your August 23, 2017 application, your children were [REDACTED].
- 4) Your application states that you will not be taking any deductions on your 2017 tax return.
- 5) Your application states that your family lives in [REDACTED], New York.
- 6) You testified that you would like your children to be eligible for some sort of financial assistance with their Child Health Plus premiums because you are unable to afford the full pay Child Health Plus plans.

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

Applicable Law and Regulations

Child Health Plus

Child Health Plus (CHP) is a sliding-scale-premium program for children who are in a household that is over income for regular Medicaid (see New York Public Health Law (NY PHL) § 2510 et seq. and 42 USC § 1397aa). Eligibility rules are set out in NY PHL § 2511(2), as well as in the NYS Department of Health 2008-2012 Contract and Plan Manual.

A child who meets the eligibility requirements for CHP may be eligible to receive a subsidy payment if the child resides in a household with a household income at or below 400% of the federal poverty level (FPL) (NY PHL § 2511(2)(a)(iii)). To be eligible to enroll in CHP with subsidy payments, a child must not be "eligible for medical assistance"; that is, must not be eligible for Medicaid (NY PHL § 2511(2)(b)).

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The amount of the premium payment, if any, that must be made on behalf of a child who enrolls in a CHP plan depends upon the child's family household income (NY PHL § 2510(9)(d)). No payments are required for eligible children whose family household income is less than 160% of the FPL (NY PHL § 2510(9)(d)(1)). If the family household income is 160% or higher, premiums range from \$9.00 per month to \$60.00 per month (NY PHL § 2510(9)(d)).

In an analysis of Child Health Plus 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 was \$28,780.00 for a five-person household 82 Federal Register 8831).

Modified Adjusted Gross Income

NYSOH bases its eligibility determinations on modified adjusted gross income as defined in the federal tax code (45 CFR § 155.300(a)). The term "modified adjusted gross income" means adjusted gross income increased by (1) any income that was excluded under 26 USC § 911 for United States citizens or residents living abroad, (2) tax-exempt interest received or accrued, and (3) Social Security benefits that were excluded from gross income under 26 USC § 86 (see 26 USC § 36B(d)(2)(B), 26 CFR § 1.36B-1(e)(2)).

"Adjusted gross income" means, in the case of an individual taxpayer, gross federal taxable income minus certain specific deductions, such as expenses reimbursed by an employer, losses from sale or exchange of property, losses from premature withdrawal of funds from time savings accounts, deductions attributable to royalties, and certain retirement savings (26 USC § 62(a)). Living expenses, such as rent and utilities are not an allowable deduction in computing adjusted gross income.

Legal Analysis

The issue under review is whether NYSOH properly determined that your children were eligible to enroll in full pay Child Health Plus plans.

According to the record, you expect to file a joint federal income tax return for the 2017 tax year and claim your three children as dependents on that tax return. Therefore, your children are in a five-person household.

In your August 23, 2017 application, you attested to an expected household income of \$129,779.00. The application also stated that your children are [REDACTED]. NYSOH relied upon this information.

During the hearing, you testified that the income amount you provided in your application was correct, but you requested that NYSOH use your children's household income after taxes. However, NYSOH bases its eligibility determinations based on modified adjusted gross income as defined in the federal tax code; which is the gross income amount. Therefore, NYSOH correctly determined your children's household income to be \$129,779.00.

A child is eligible to enroll in Child Health Plus if they meet the non-financial requirements, are not eligible for Medicaid, and have a household income below 400% of the FPL. On the date of your application, the relevant FPL was \$28,780.00 for a five-person household. Since \$129,779.00 is 624.67% of the 2017 FPL, NYSOH properly found your children to be eligible for full pay Child Health Plus plans.

Since the August 24, 2017 eligibility determination properly stated that, based on the information you provided, your children were eligible for full pay Child Health Plus plans, it is correct and is AFFIRMED.

Decision

The August 24, 2017 eligibility determination notice is AFFIRMED.

Effective Date of this Decision: November 6, 2017

How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility

Your children remain eligible for full pay Child Health Plus plans.

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 August 24, 2017 eligibility determination notice is AFFIRMED.

Your children remain eligible for full pay Child Health Plus plans.

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