



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

Notice of Decision

Decision Date: October 31, 2017

NY State of Health Account ID: [REDACTED]
Appeal Identification Number: AP000000022264

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Dear [REDACTED],

On October 24, 2017, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's July 20, 2017 discontinuance notice, and August 18, 2017 enrollment confirmation 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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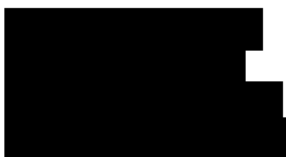


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Issue

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 plan was effective October 1, 2017?

Procedural History

On July 4, 2017, NYSOH received your initial application for health insurance.

On July 6, 2017, NYOSH issued an eligibility determination stating that you were eligible for Medicaid, effective July 1, 2017.

Also on July 6, 2017, NYSOH issued a plan enrollment notice, based on your plan selection on July 5, 2017, confirming that you were enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care plan, effective August 1, 2017.

On July 17, 2017, the July 6, 2017 eligibility determination and enrollment confirmation notices were returned to NYSOH as undeliverable.

On July 20, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice of discontinuance stating that you were no longer eligible to receive health insurance through NYSOH, effective July 19, 2017, because notices regarding your eligibility and coverage sent to you by NYSOH were returned as undeliverable. This notice also stated that you needed to update your mailing address so that you could remain eligible for health coverage through NYOSH.

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Also on January 20, 2017, NYSOH issued a plan disenrollment notice confirming that your Medicaid Managed Care plan would end on August 1, 2017.

On August 17, 2017, NYSOH received your updated application for financial assistance with health insurance.

On August 18, 2017, NYSOH issued an eligibility determination stating that you were eligible for Medicaid, effective September 1, 2017.

Also on August 18, 2017, NYSOH issued a plan enrollment notice, based on your August 17, 2017 plan selection, confirming that you were enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care plan, effective October 1, 2017.

On September 9, 2017, you spoke to NYSOH's Account Review Unit and appealed the start date of your Medicaid Managed Care plan insofar as it did not begin as of September 1, 2017.

On October 24, 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 were enrolled into a Medicaid Managed Care plan effective August 1, 2017.
- 2) You were subsequently disenrolled from your Medicaid Managed Care plan, effective August 1, 2017.
- 3) According to your NYSOH account, the July 6, 2017 eligibility determination and enrollment confirmation notices addressed to your spouse were returned as undeliverable on July 17, 2017.
- 4) The notices sent on July 6, 2017 were addressed to: [REDACTED].
- 5) Your NYSOH account was created on July 4, 2017. The mailing address listed on your account was [REDACTED]. The residence, ID proofed, and legal addresses were listed as [REDACTED].
- 6) You testified that this address was correct.

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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 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)).

To be eligible for enrollment in a Medicaid Managed Care plan through the New York State of Health, an applicant must be a resident of New York State (NY Public Health Law § 2510(6)).

Generally, most adults determined eligible for Medicaid are guaranteed 12 months of Medicaid coverage, even if they lose Medicaid eligibility because of any changes or updates they make to their NYSOH account. For example, even if income increases above the Medicaid limit allowed for the household size, the insured will remain covered under Medicaid for a 12-month period. This 12-month period is referred to as “continuous coverage” and is set based on the start date of the original Medicaid eligibility determination or the date of a subsequent Medicaid eligibility determination based on modified adjusted gross income (NY Social Services Law § 366(4)(c)).

An individual will be enrolled or remain in their Medicaid plan with limited exceptions, including entering prison or another facility that provides medical care, lack of state residence, failing to provide a valid social security number, or having third party health insurance (NY Social Services Law § 366(4)(c)).

Legal Analysis

The issue under review is whether NYSOH properly determined that your enrollment in your Medicaid Managed Care plan was effective October 1, 2017.

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You became eligible for Medicaid effective July 1, 2017. You were subsequently enrolled into a Medicaid Managed Care plan, effective August 1, 2017.

For an applicant to remain eligible for enrollment in a Medicaid Managed Care plan through NYSOH, they must meet both the financial and non-financial requirements. One of the non-financial requirements is that the applicant must be a New York State Resident.

According to your NYSOH account, on July 6, 2017, NYSOH issued an eligibility determination and enrollment confirmation notices that were returned to NYSOH as undeliverable on July 17, 2017. You were subsequently disenrolled from your Medicaid Managed Care plans because NYOSH received mail addressed to you that was undeliverable; therefore, the system assumed that you no longer met the state residency requirement for enrollment in a Medicaid Managed Care plan.

As such, on June 20, 2017, NYSOH issued a discontinuance notice and a plan disenrollment notice, stating that you were no longer eligible to enroll in Medicaid and your Medicaid Managed Care plan would end, effective August 1, 2017.

However, the notices that were sent to you on July 6, 2017 were addressed to: [REDACTED] Your application at that time listed a mailing address of [REDACTED].

Based on the credible evidence of the record, it is reasonable to conclude that the notices were returned as undeliverable through no fault of your own, and was the result of an error of NYSOH for failing to include the apartment number that was correctly listed in your NYSOH account. As a result, your disenrollment from your Medicaid Managed Care plan was in error.

Therefore, the July 20, 2017 discontinuance notice must be RESCINDED.

The August 18, 2017 enrollment confirmation notice is MODIFIED to state that you were enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care plan effective August 1, 2017.

Your case is RETURNED to NYSOH to reinstate your coverage [REDACTED] in your Medicaid Managed Care plan as of August 1, 2017, and to notify you accordingly.

Decision

The July 20, 2017 discontinuance notice is RESCINDED.

The August 18, 2017 enrollment confirmation notice is MODIFIED to state that you were enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care plan effective August 1, 2017.

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Your case is RETURNED to NYSOH to reinstate your coverage ([REDACTED]) in your Medicaid Managed Care plan as of August 1, 2017, and to notify you accordingly.

Effective Date of this Decision: October 31, 2017

How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility

Your case is sent back to NYSOH to reinstate you in your Medicaid Managed Care plan for the months of August and September 2017.

NYOSH will notify you once this change 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

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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

The July 20, 2017 discontinuance notice is **RESCINDED**.

The August 18, 2017 enrollment confirmation notice is **MODIFIED** to state that you were enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care plan effective August 1, 2017.

Your case is **RETURNED** to NYSOH to reinstate your coverage ([REDACTED]) in your Medicaid Managed Care plan as of August 1, 2017, and to notify you accordingly.

Your case is sent back to NYSOH to reinstate you in your Medicaid Managed Care plan for the months of August and September 2017.

NYOSH will notify you once this change 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)

Este es un documento importante. Si necesita ayuda para entenderlo, llame al 1-855-355-5777. Le proporcionaremos un intérprete sin ningún costo.

中文 (Traditional Chinese)

這是重要的文件。如果您需要獲得關於瞭解文件內容方面的協助，請致電 1-855-355-5777。我們可以為您免費提供您所使用語言的翻譯人員。

Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

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中文 (Simplified Chinese)

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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.

한국어 (Korean)

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

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.

العربية (Arabic)

هذه وثيقة مهمة. إذا كنت بحاجة إلى مساعدة لفهم محتواها، يُرجى الاتصال بالرقم 1-855-355-5777. يُمكننا توفير مترجم فوري لك باللغة التي تتحدثها مجاناً.

বাংলা (Bengali)

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हिंदी (Hindi)

यह एक महत्वपूर्ण दस्तावेज़ है। अगर आपको इसे समझने में सहायता चाहिए, तो कृपया 1-855-355-5777 पर कॉल करें। हम आपकी भाषा बोलने वाला एक दुभाषिया निःशुल्क उपलब्ध करवा सकते हैं।

日本語 (Japanese)

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नेपाली (Nepali)

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Polski (Polish)

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Twi (Twi)

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(Urdu) اردو

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