

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: Appeal Identification Number: AP000000022824



Dear ,

On November 20, 2017, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's September 27, 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
- Sending Mail to:

NY State of Health Appeals P.O. Box 11729 Albany, NY 12211

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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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# 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 November 1, 2017?

# **Procedural History**

On September 22, 2017, NYSOH issued a plan enrollment notice confirming your enrollment in an Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield MMC plan.

On September 26, 2017, you selected the United Health Care (UHC) MMC plan for enrollment, effective November 1, 2017.

Also on September 26, 2017, you spoke to NYSOH's Account Review Unit and appealed that your enrollment in your UHC MMC plan did not begin September 1, 2017.

On September 27, 2017, NYSOH issued a plan enrollment notice confirming your enrollment in the UHC MMC plan as of November 1, 2017.

On November 20, 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) According to your NYSOH account and your testimony, you selected your MMC plan on September 26, 2017, and your enrollment was effective on November 1, 2017. You changed your health plan on that date because your only accepts the UHC MMC plan.
- 2) You testified that you are unsure as to why you want your MMC plan to begin on September 1, 2017, because your spouse was handling all of it.
- 3) You further testified that you don't have any medical bills that you are aware of.

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)).

# Legal Analysis

The issue under review is whether NYSOH properly determined that your enrollment in the UHC MMC plan was effective November 1, 2017.

You testified that you contacted NYSOH on September 26, 2017, and enrolled into the UHC MMC plan because your did not accept your Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield plan.

The date on which an 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.

The record reflects that, on September 26, 2017, you selected the UCH MMC plan, so it properly took effect on the first day of the second month following September 2017; that is, on November 1, 2017.

Therefore, the September 27, 2017 plan enrollment notice stating that your enrollment in your UHC MMC plan would be effective November 1, 2017, was correct and must be AFFIRMED.

#### **Decision**

The September 27, 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 UHC MMC plan is November 1, 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

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

The September 27, 2017 plan enrollment notice is AFFIRMED.

This decision does not change your eligibility.

The effective date of your UHC MMC plan is November 1, 2017.

# **Legal Authority** We are issuing this determination in accordance with 45 CFR § 155.545.

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#### <u>日本語 (Japanese)</u>

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# नेपाली (Nepali)

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