

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

# **Notice of Decision**

Decision Date: January 11, 2018

NY State of Health Account ID: Appeal Identification Number: AP000000024458



On January 8, 2018, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's November 5, 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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## Decision

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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 a qualified health plan was effective October 1, 2017?

# **Procedural History**

On August 17, 2017, you updated your NYSOH account.

On August 18, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice of eligibility determination stating that you were eligible for a full cost qualified health plan, effective October 1, 2017.

On November 4, 2017, you selected a health plan.

On November 5, 2017, NYSOH issued a letter confirming your enrollment in a qualified health plan, effective October 1, 2017.

On November 16, 2017, you spoke to NYSOH's Account Review Unit and appealed the enrollment confirmation notice insofar as it began your enrollment in a qualified health plan on October 1, 2017, and not December 1, 2017.

On November 17, 2017, NYSOH issued a disenrollment notice stating that your coverage was ending effective December 31, 2017.

On November 17, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice of eligibility determination stating that you were eligible for a full cost qualified health plan, effective January 1, 2018.

On December 15, 2017, NYSOH issued a letter confirming your enrollment in a qualified health plan, effective January 1, 2018.

On January 8, 2018, 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 are not appealing the December 31, 2017 coverage end date of your qualified health plan.
- 2) You submitted an application to NYSOH for financial assistance on August 17, 2017.
- On August 18, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice of eligibility determination stating that you were eligible for a full cost qualified health plan, effective October 1, 2017.
- 4) You testified, and the record reflects, that you selected a qualified health plan on November 4, 2017.
- 5) Your enrollment in the plan became effective October 1, 2017.
- You testified that you need your qualified health plan to begin on December 1, 2017 because you did not want health plan coverage during the months of October 2017 and November 2017.

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

## Applicable Law and Regulations

#### Redetermination During a Benefit Year

When a redetermination is issued as a result of a change in an applicant's information, NYSOH must generally make that redetermination effective on the first day of the month following the date NYSOH is notified of the change (45

CFR § 155.330 (f)(1)(ii)). However, NYSOH may determine that its policy will be that any change made after the  $15^{th}$  of any month will not be effective until the first of the second following month (45 CFR § 155.330(f)(2)).

When an eligibility redetermination results in a change in the amount of advance payments of the premium tax credit (APTC) for the benefit year, NYSOH must recalculate the amount of APTC in such a manner as to account for any advance payments already made on behalf of the tax filer, such that the recalculated advance payment amount is projected to result in total advance payments for the benefit year that correspond to the tax filer's total projected premium tax credit for that benefit year (45 CFR § 155.330(g)).

### Enrollment in a Qualified Health Plan

The effective date of coverage by a qualified health plan is determined by the date on which an applicant selects a plan for enrollment. For individuals who are eligible for enrollment, NYSOH must generally ensure that coverage is effective the first day of the following month for selections received by NYSOH from the first to the fifteenth of any month (45 CFR §§ 155.410(f)(2), 155.420(b)(1)(i)). For selections received by NYSOH from the sixteenth to the last day of any month, NYSOH must ensure coverage is effective the first day of the second following month (45 CFR §§ 155.410(f)(2), 155.420(b)(1)(ii)).

# Legal Analysis

The issue under review is whether NYSOH properly determine that your enrollment in a qualified health plan was effective October 1, 2017.

The record shows that August 17, 2017 you updated the information in your NYSOH account and were determined eligible for a full cost qualified health plan. You testified, and the record reflects, that you selected a qualified health plan on November 4, 2017.

On November 5, 2017, NYSOH issued an enrollment confirmation notice stating that your enrollment in your qualified health plan was effective October 1, 2017.

You testified that you need your qualified health plan to begin on December 1, 2017 because you did not want health insurance coverage during the months of October 2017 and November 2017.

The date on which a qualified health 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 fifteenth day of a month goes into effect on the first day of the following month.

Since you selected a plan on November 4, 2017, it should have taken effect on the first day of the following month; that is December 1, 2017.

Therefore, NYSOH's November 5, 2017 enrollment confirmation notice is MODIFIED insofar as your enrollment in your qualified health plan is effective December 1, 2017 and your case is being RETURNED to NYSOH to enroll you in your qualified health plan, effective December 1, 2017.

# Decision

The November 5, 2017 enrollment confirmation notice is MODIFIED to reflect that your enrollment in your qualified health plan is effective December 1, 2017.

Your case is being RETURNED to NYSOH to enroll you in your qualified health plan, effective December 1, 2017.

## Effective Date of this Decision: January 11, 2018

# How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility

Your case is being RETURNED to NYSOH to enroll you in your qualified health plan, effective December 1, 2017.

NYSOH incorrectly enrolled you into a qualified health plan, effective October 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

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Your case is being RETURNED to NYSOH to enroll you in your qualified health plan, effective December 1, 2017.

NYSOH incorrectly enrolled you into a qualified health plan, effective October 1, 2017.

# Legal Authority

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

A Copy of this Decision Has Been Provided To:



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#### (Arabic)العربية

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