

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

Notice of Decision

Decision Date: April 27, 2018

NY State of Health Account ID:

Appeal Identification Number: AP000000027995



On April 10, 2018, you appeared by telephone at a hearing on your appeal of NY State of Health's January 6, 2018 eligibility determination and January 6, 2018 enrollment confirmation notices.

The enclosed Decision, rendered after that hearing, is issued by the Appeals Unit of NY State of Health.

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Legal Authority

We are sending you this notice in accordance with 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 155.545.



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Issues

The issues presented for review by the Appeals Unit of NY State of Health are:

Did NY State of Health provide a timely determination of your Medicaid eligibility as of January 6, 2018?

Did NY State of Health properly determine that your Medicaid Managed Care plan began February 1, 2018?

Procedural History

On August 2, 2017, NY State of Health (NYSOH) issued a renewal notice stating that it did not have enough information from state and federal data sources to determine your eligibility for health coverage and financial assistance. That notice stated you must update your NYSOH account between August 16, 2017 and September 15, 2017 to complete your renewal.

On August 29, 2017, NYSOH received your application for financial assistance with your health insurance.

On August 30, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice stating more information was needed to make a determination. The notice explained the income documentation you provided NYSOH did not match what was obtained from state and federal data sources. You were asked to submit income documentation for your household by September 13, 2017.

Also on August 30, 2017, NYSOH issued a disenrollment notice stating your coverage under your Medicaid Managed Care plan would end on September 30, 2017, because you were no longer eligible to enroll in that plan.

On September 8, 2017 you uploaded income documentation from your employer to your NYSOH account.

On September 11, 2017, NYSOH determined that the income documentation you uploaded did not constitute valid proof of income.

Also on September 11, 2017, NYSOH updated your account to include income from based on the documentation you submitted, and filed an application on your behalf.

On September 12, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice of invalid documentation stating that the documents NYSOH reviewed did not confirm the information you provided in your application, requesting that you provide proof of income by December 10, 2017, and stating that failure to provide the requested documentation could result in you losing your insurance or receiving less help paying for your coverage.

Also on September 12, 2017, NYSOH issued an eligibility determination notice stating that you were eligible to enroll in the Essential Plan with a \$20.00 monthly premium for a limited time, effective October 1, 2017, and requesting that you provide proof of income by December 10, 2017.

On December 8, 2017, NYSOH received your updated application for health insurance.

Also on December 8, 2017, you resubmitted income documentation from to your NYSOH account.

On December 9, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice of invalid documentation stating that the documents NYSOH reviewed did not confirm the information you provided in your application, requesting that you provide proof of income by December 23, 2017.

Also on December 9, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice requesting income documentation for Medicaid, stating that the income information in your application did not match state and federal data sources, and asking you to submit proof of household income by December 23, 2017 to confirm your eligibility.

On December 11, 2017, NYSOH received your updated application for health insurance.

On December 12, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice of invalid documentation stating that the documents NYSOH reviewed did not confirm the information you provided in your application, requesting that you provide proof of income by January 7, 2018.

Also on December 12, 2017, NYSOH issued a notice requesting income documentation for Medicaid, stating that the income information in your application did not match state and federal data sources, and asking you to submit proof of household income by January 7, 2018 to confirm your eligibility.

On December 18, 2017, you uploaded an employment letter from stating your last date of work and year-to-date gross earnings.

On January 4, 2018, you uploaded an employment letter from , dated December 31, 2017, stating that you were no longer employed there.

On January 5, 2018, NYSOH verified the two employment letters as valid proof of having no income.

On January 6, 2018, NYSOH issued an eligibility determination notice stating that you were eligible for Medicaid, effective December 1, 2017.

Also on January 6, 2018, NYSOH issued an enrollment confirmation notice confirming your selection of a Medicaid Managed Care plan on January 5, 2018. This notice confirmed your enrollment in a plan starting February 1, 2018.

Lastly, on January 6, 2018, NYSOH issued a notice of retroactive Medicaid coverage, stating that you were eligible for Medicaid for October 1, 2017, through November 30, 2017, because your monthly income was below the monthly income threshold for that period.

On January 29, 2018, you contacted the NYSOH Account Review Unit and requested an appeal of the start date of your Medicaid Managed Care plan, requesting that it begin October 1, 2017.

On March 29, 2018, you were scheduled for a telephone hearing. That day, a Hearing Officer called you to conduct your scheduled hearing. You requested that your hearing be rescheduled for a later date. The Hearing Officer agreed to adjourn your hearing to April 10, 2018.

On April 10, 2018, you had your adjourned telephone hearing with a Hearing Officer from NYSOH's Appeals Unit. During the hearing, you waived your right to formal notice on the record. You also gave the Hearing Officer permission to review recording of your previous telephone calls with NYSOH representatives.

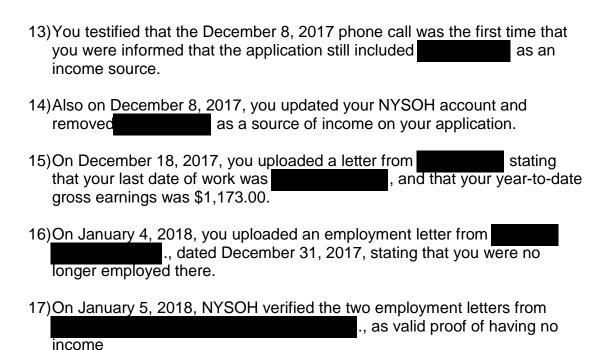
The record was developed during the hearing and closed at the end of the hearing.

Findings of Fact

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review of the record supports the following findings of fact:	
1)	You testified, and the record reflects, that you are appealing your enrollment start date of your Medicaid Managed Care plan.
2)	Your September 15, 2016 application indicated that your only income source was from employer
3)	On August 29, 2017 you submitted an updated application for financial assistance over the phone in response to a renewal notice.
4)	You testified that somewhere between August 29, 2017 and September 8, 2017 you advised NYSOH that you no longer worked for
5)	A review of your August 29, 2017 phone call indicates that a NYSOH representative asked you if you still worked for and that you made \$200.00 per week at and confirmed this accounted for \$10,400.00 of annual income. You also stated that you no longer worked for and an analysis and your application also included a \$100.00 student loan interest deduction. The NYSOH representative who processed your application informed you during your call that you would need four weeks of current paystubs in order to process your eligibility.
6)	On September 8, 2017 you submitted income documentation in the form of four consecutive paystubs from to NYSOH for verification of the income stated in your August 29, 2017 application.
7	Also on September 8, 2017, you spoke with three NYSOH representatives over three calls. In each of these calls, you stated that you were trying to upload your income documents, and confirm their receipt. Although you stated that your income documentation was from you worked at, which you stated was your only employment, you did not specifically indicate whether you were discussing the income from you attested to in your August 29, 2017 application, or the income documentation you provided from nor form your fically identify either employer by name. Furthermore, you did not ask the NYSOH representatives to make any changes to the income listed on your application during these three calls. During the third call, the NYSOH

with your renewal and prevent a gap in your Medicaid coverage. 8) On September 11, 2017, your income documentation was invalidated because it included paystubs from , but none from 9) Also on September 11, 2017, your application was updated to include , which was calculated to consist of \$10,329.02 annually. Combined with the previously attested to income from of \$10,400.00 annually, less your \$100.00 student loan interest deduction, this resulted in an annual income calculation of \$20,629.02. An application was filed on your behalf using this income. 10)On September 13, 2017, you contacted NYSOH and spoke with a representative regarding your income documentation. You were informed that you had submitted paystubs from , but also needed paystubs from . You stated that you were no longer working there, and the NYSOH representative informed you that you needed a separation letter stating you were no longer employed. You were also informed that you had until December 10, 2017 to provide this letter. 11)On November 10, 2017, you spoke with a NYSOH representative to discuss your income verification. You indicated that you were waiting for a letter from stating that you no longer worked there, and had not since October 2016. The NYSOH representative thereafter stated that because you had not worked there since 2016, you should not need a letter from that employer. That representative noted that it appeared that you had some income from . in 2017, and therefore needed a letter from that employer stating you no longer worked there. You were asked to upload that letter, and another copy of your paystubs from 12)On December 8, 2017, you spoke with two NYSOH representatives over the course of two phone calls, in order to determine what documentation was required to confirm your eligibility. During the first call, you were asked if you had submitted any of the requested documentation, and you acknowledged that you had not. During the second call, you were informed was listed in your application as current income. You that were informed that whatever documents you submit have to confirm the information in your application. You were advised to sign in to your NYSOH account and delete that employer from your application, at which point your paystubs from should constitute sufficient proof of income.

representative informed you that your coverage would end on September 30, 2017 and to contact NYSOH before September 16, 2017, to continue



- 18) The record reflects that you selected a Medicaid Managed Care plan on January 5, 2018.
- 19)You testified that you want your Medicaid Managed Care plan to begin on October 1, 2017 because you believed that your application had been handled in error—specifically that the income from was included in your application as the result of an error on the part of a NYSOH representative, which resulted in you receiving mixed messages regarding what documentation was required to confirm your eligibility.

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)).

Verification Process

For all individuals whose income is needed to calculate the household's eligibility, NYSOH must request data that will allow NYSOH to verify the household's income (45 CFR §155.320(c)(1)(i), 42 CFR § 435.945).

If NYSOH cannot verify the income information required to determine eligibility they must attempt to resolve the inconsistency including giving the applicant the opportunity to submit satisfactory documentary evidence (45 CFR §155.315(f) 42 CFR § 435.952).

Timely Notice of Medicaid Eligibility

When an individual applies for insurance through NYSOH, NYSOH must determine that person's eligibility promptly and without undue delay (45 CFR § 155.310(e)(1); 42 CFR § 435.1200(b)(3)(iii)).

To assess whether an eligibility determination was untimely, NYSOH must base the time period from the date of application to the date NYSOH notifies the applicant of its decision (45 CFR § 155.310(e)(2)). However, if the applicant submits an incomplete application or there is not sufficient information for NYSOH to make an eligibility determination, then NYSOH must notify that applicant that more information is needed to complete the application (45 CFR § 155.310(k)(1)).

NYSOH must provide Medicaid applicants notice of their eligibility determination within 45 days from the date of the application (42 CFR § 435.912).

Legal Analysis

The first issue is whether NYSOH provided you with timely determination of your Medicaid eligibility as of January 6, 2018.

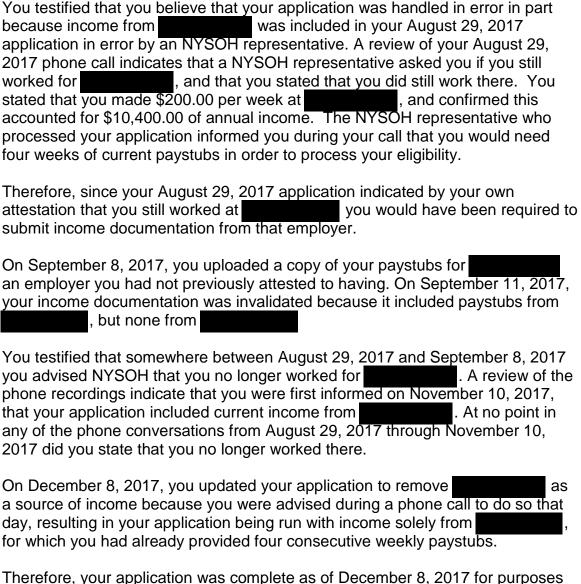
On September 15, 2016, you submitted an application for financial assistance, on that application you attested that your only income source was from employer

NYSOH issued a renewal notice on August 2, 2017 asking you to update your application in order to ensure that your financial assistance would continue. On August 29, 2017 you submitted an updated application for financial assistance over the phone in response to that renewal notice. The income amount that was

entered into this application did not match federal and state data sources. As a result, NYSOH asked that you submit additional documentation to confirm your income.

For all individuals whose income is needed to calculate the household's eligibility, NYSOH must request data that will allow NYSOH to verify the household's income.

If NYSOH cannot verify the income information required to determine eligibility they must attempt to resolve the inconsistency including giving the applicant the opportunity to submit satisfactory documentary evidence.



of issuing an eligibility determination.

NYSOH must provide Medicaid applicants notice of their eligibility determination within 45 days from the date of the completed application. To assess whether an eligibility determination was untimely, NYSOH must base the time period from the date of the completed application to the date NYSOH notifies the applicant of its decision.

NYSOH issued an eligibility determination notice on January 6, 2018 that stated you were eligible for Medicaid effective December 1, 2017. Since NYSOH issued an eligibility determination 29 days from the date your application was complete, the January 6, 2018 eligibility determination was timely.

The second issue is whether NYSOH properly determined that your enrollment in your Medicaid Managed Care plan was effective February 1, 2018.

The record reflects that you contacted NYSOH on January 5, 2018 and enrolled into a Medicaid Managed Care plan.

The date on which a Medicaid Managed Care 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.

Since the January 6, 2018 eligibility determination notice was timely issued, you were able to select a Medicaid Managed Care plan as early as January 6, 2018. Your plan would therefore properly take effect on the first day of the next month following after January 6, 2018; that is, on February 1, 2018.

Therefore, the January 6, 2018 enrollment confirmation notice stating that your enrollment in your Medicaid Managed Care plan would be effective February 1, 2018, was correct and must be AFFIRMED.

Decision

The January 6, 2018 eligibility determination was timely is AFFIRMED.

The January 6, 2018 enrollment confirmation notice is AFFIRMED.

Effective Date of this Decision: April 27, 2018

How this Decision Affects Your Eligibility

This decision does not affect your eligibility.

Your enrollment in your Medicaid Managed Care plan is February 1, 2018.

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
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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 January 6, 2018 eligibility determination was timely is AFFIRMED.

The January 6, 2018 enrollment confirmation notice is AFFIRMED.

This decision does not affect your eligibility.

Your enrollment in your Medicaid Managed Care plan is February 1, 2018.

Legal Authority

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

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