Office of Medicaid BOARD OF HEARINGS

Appellant Name and Address:



Appeal Decision: Dismissed **Appeal Number:** 2155813

Decision Date: 10/29/2021 **Hearing Date:** 09/08/2021

Hearing Officer: Christopher Jones Record Open to: 10/29/2021

Appearance for Appellant:

Appearance for MassHealth:

Jessica Barney



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APPEAL DECISION

Appeal Decision: Dismissed Issue: LTC – Excess Assets

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MassHealth's Rep.: Jessica Barney Appellant's Rep.:

Hearing Location: Taunton MassHealth Aid Pending: No

Enrollment Center

Procedural Background

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 118E, Chapter 30A, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The issue on appeal was MassHealth's June 17, 2021 denial of the appellant's January 2021 application for long-term-care benefits due to excess assets. Exhibit 2. The appellant timely appealed on August 2, 2021. Exhibit 3; 130 CMR 610.015(B); see also EOM 20-09 (Apr. 7, 2020) (extending timeline for appeals to 120 days). Following the hearing, the record was left open until October 29, 2021 for the appellant to prove their assets had been reduced. MassHealth ultimately agreed to continue processing the appellant's January 2021 long-term-care application. Exhibit 5.

As no issue on appeal remains in dispute, this matter is DISMISSED pursuant to 130 CMR 610.051(B).

Christopher Jones Hearing Officer Board of Hearings

cc: MassHealth Representative: Justine Ferreira, Taunton MassHealth Enrollment Center, 21 Spring St., Ste. 4, Taunton, MA 0278

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¹ The appellant acknowledged that they did not have receipts for the purchase of certain household goods, and that the purchase may result in MassHealth's issuance of a disqualifying transfer notice. <u>See</u> Exhibit 5.