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Appellant Name and Address:



Appeal Decision: Dismissed **Appeal Number:** 2177218

Decision Date: 10/14/2021 **Hearing Date:** 10/06/2021

Hearing Officer: Rebecca Brochstein Record Open Date: 10/13/2021

Appearances for Appellant: Appearances for MassHealth:

Teisha Christie, Chelsea MEC



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APPEAL DECISION

Appeal Decision: Dismissed Issue: Deductible

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MassHealth's Rep.: Teisha Christie,

Chelsea MEC

sha Christie, Appellant's Rep.:

Hearing Location: Board of Hearings

(Remote)

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 118E, Chapter 30A, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The issue on appeal involved a denial of the appellant's MassHealth community application due to income. At hearing, the appellant's representative indicated that the appellant does not dispute the eligibility determination, but rather contests MassHealth's determination of the six-month deductible period (which was set to begin in September 2021). Specifically, she argued that the appellant was prejudiced by MassHealth delays in processing the application, and that MassHealth ultimately should have started the deductible period earlier so she could establish her eligibility sooner. The record was held open for the MassHealth representative to consult a manager about the appellant's argument. The MassHealth representative subsequently reported that MassHealth would revise the start of the deductible period to July 1, 2021, and the appellant expressed agreement with the revised date. See Exhibit 5.

As the issue in dispute has been resolved to the appellant's satisfaction, the appeal is dismissed.

Rebecca Brochstein Hearing Officer Board of Hearings

cc: Chelsea MEC



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