

Office of Medicaid BOARD OF HEARINGS

Appellant Name and Address:



Appeal Decision:	Dismissed	Appeal Number:	2177922
Decision Date:	12/22/2021	Hearing Date:	12/06/2021
Hearing Officer:	Susan Burgess-Cox	Record Open to:	12/13/2021

Appearance for Appellant:




Appearance for MassHealth:

Dr. Harold Kaplan



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APPEAL DECISION

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MassHealth's Rep.:	Dr. Harold Kaplan	Appellant's Rep.:	
Hearing Location:	All Parties Appeared by Telephone		

The hearing was conducted pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 118E, Chapter 30A, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. MassHealth denied the appellant's prior authorization request for comprehensive orthodontic treatment. Denial of assistance is valid grounds for appeal. (130 CMR 610.000).

Pursuant to 130 CMR 420.431(C)(3), MassHealth pays for comprehensive orthodontic treatment, subject to prior authorization, once per member per lifetime under the age of 21 and only when the member has a handicapping malocclusion. MassHealth determines whether a malocclusion is handicapping based on clinical standards for medical necessity as described in Appendix D of the Dental Manual. (130 CMR 420.431(C)(3)).

At the hearing, the appellant's mother provided testimony regarding the appellant's need for orthodontic treatment due to underlying medical conditions. The MassHealth representative responded that MassHealth would consider additional evidence about these underlying conditions. The record was held open to give the appellant the opportunity to provide additional evidence. (Exhibit 6).

During the record open period the appellant provided evidence that resulted in MassHealth adjusting their decision and approving the appellant's request for comprehensive orthodontic treatment. (Exhibit 7; Exhibit 8). As a result of the adjustment made by MassHealth, the appellant agreed to withdraw the appeal. (Exhibit 8).

As MassHealth has adjusted their initial determination and the appellant agreed to this adjustment, this appeal is dismissed. (130 CMR 610.051(B)).

Susan Burgess-Cox
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