

Office of Medicaid BOARD OF HEARINGS

Appellant Name and Address:



Appeal Decision:	Dismissed	Appeal Number:	2202226
Decision Date:	4/11/2022	Hearing Date:	04/08/2022
Hearing Officer:	Scott Bernard		

Appearance for Appellant:



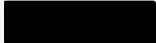
Appearance for MassHealth:

Nicole Conrad (Taunton MEC) *via* telephone



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APPEAL DECISION

Appeal Decision:	Dismissed	Issue:	Over 65 Assets
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MassHealth's Rep.:	Nicole Conrad	Appellant's Rep.:	
Hearing Location:	Taunton MassHealth Enrollment Center		

Jurisdiction

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 118E, Chapter 30A, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Through a notice dated March 18, 2022, MassHealth denied the appellant's application for MassHealth benefits because it determined that the appellant's assets exceeded the countable asset limit. (See 130 CMR 520.003; 520.004 and Exhibit (Ex.) 1, pp. 2-4). The appellant filed this appeal in a timely manner on March 23, 2018. (See 130 CMR 610.015(B) and Ex. 1, p. 5). Denial of assistance is valid grounds for appeal. (See 130 CMR 610.032). At the hearing, the MassHealth representative stated that the appellant's assets exceeded the asset limit by \$24,759.52. Most of this was in a bank account that the appellant owned jointly with another person. The appellant's other assets were below \$2,000. The appellant's representative stated that the bank account belonged to his brother, who was disabled and added the appellant's name to the account so that someone would be able to access those funds if he had problems. The appellant's representative stated the account had since been closed and faxed the relevant verification to the MassHealth representative immediately following the hearing. (Ex. 4). The MassHealth representative emailed the hearing officer stating that the appellant was now eligible for MassHealth Standard with a start date of April 1, 2022. (Ex. 5).

As no issues on appeal remain in dispute regarding the underlying notice, this matter is DISMISSED pursuant to 130 CMR 610.051(B).

Scott Bernard
Hearing Officer
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cc:

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