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**Appellant Name and Address:**



<b>Appeal Decision:</b>	Dismissed	<b>Appeal Number:</b>	2300154
<b>Decision Date:</b>	3/28/2023	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	02/10/2023
<b>Hearing Officer:</b>	Kimberly Scanlon		

**Appearance for Appellant:**  
*Via telephone*



**Appearance for MassHealth:**  
*Via telephone*  
Donna Burns, R.N.



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# APPEAL DECISION

<b>Appeal Decision:</b>	Dismissed	<b>Issue:</b>	PCA Services
<b>Decision Date:</b>	3/28/2023	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	02/10/2023
<b>MassHealth's Rep.:</b>	Donna Burns, R.N.	<b>Appellant's Rep.:</b>	Mother
<b>Hearing Location:</b>	Quincy Harbor South 4 (Remote)	<b>Aid Pending:</b>	No

## Authority

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 118E, Chapter 30A, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

## Jurisdiction

Through a notice dated December 16, 2022, MassHealth modified the Appellant's prior authorization (PA) request from the requested 7 hours and 45 minutes per week of day/evening personal care attendant (PCA) services to 6 hours and 45 minutes per week of day/evening PCA services. (Exhibit 1). The Appellant filed this appeal in a timely manner on December 30, 2022. (See, 130 CMR 610.015(B) and Exhibit 2). At the hearing, the parties agreed to the following modifications of the Appellant's request for PCA services for the prior authorization period at issue (December 16, 2022 to December 15, 2023):

1. Mobility/physical assist to school bus: Denied, Appellant understands and agrees that this is a parental responsibility;
2. Grooming/nail care: Denied, Appellant understands and agrees this is a parental responsibility;
3. Grooming/oral care: Approved at 2 minutes, twice per day, 7 days a week;
4. Grooming/hair: Approved at 1 minute, once per day, 7 days a week;
5. Dressing: Approved at 5 minutes, once per day, 7 days a week; and
6. Undressing: The parties agreed to 3 minutes, once per day, 7 days a week.

Because the above-captioned modifications were agreed upon and resolved at the hearing, there are no longer any issues in dispute. Therefore, this appeal is dismissed. (130 CMR 610.035(A)(8)).

## **Order for MassHealth**

If MassHealth has not already done so, make the adjustments agreed to at the hearing, as described above.

## **Implementation of this Decision**

If this decision is not implemented within 30 days after the date of this decision, you should contact your MassHealth Enrollment Center. If you experience problems with the implementation of this decision, you should report this in writing to the Director of the Board of Hearings, at the address on the first page of this decision.

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