

Office of Medicaid BOARD OF HEARINGS

Appellant Name and Address:



Appeal Decision: Dismissed

Appeal Number: 2301447

Decision Date: 4/4/2023

Hearing Date: 03/28/2023

Hearing Officer: Alexis Demirjian

Appearance for Appellant:

Pro se



Appearance for MassHealth:

Brad Goodier, BSN, RN, Disability
Reviewer II, Waiver Unit UMASS
Leanne Govoni, RN, BSN, Associate
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APPEAL DECISION

Appeal Decision:	Dismissed	Issue:	ABI-Waiver Unit, Missing Documentation
Decision Date:	4/4/2023	Hearing Date:	03/28/2023
MassHealth's Rep.:	Goodier Govoni	Appellant's Rep.:	Pro se [REDACTED]
Hearing Location:	Quincy Harbor South 1	Aid Pending:	No

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 notice of disenrollment in the Moving Forward Plan Community Living Home-and-Community Based Services Waiver. The Appellant received this notice because UMASS did not receive a signed and dated MassHealth ABI/MFP Waiver Medical Records Release Form. Accordingly, the Appellant was disenrolled from the program and services ceased on February 16, 2023. The Appellant is not currently receiving services through the program.

On February 22, 2023, the Appellant submitted a timely fair hearing request to the Board of Hearing that included a signed and dated copy of the MassHealth ABI/MFP Waiver Medical Records Release Form. The Appellant testified that in her best recollection she faxed a copy of that release to 4 or 5 different fax numbers.

After hearing testimony, MassHealth agreed to restore the Appellant's services. Following the hearing, MassHealth/UMASS will reach out to MRC to restore services and assess the Appellant's suitability for continued services under the ABI/MFP program now that the issue of the signed release has been resolved. The Appellant was agreeable to this resolution and understood that the resolution of this matter did not mean that she was guaranteed continued services.

The Appellant reported that she was satisfied with this resolution and the issue had been resolved. Accordingly, as the issue on appeal has been resolved, this appeal is DISMISSED.

Alexis Demirjian
Hearing Officer
Board of Hearings

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