

# Office of Medicaid BOARD OF HEARINGS

**Appellant Name and Address:**



<b>Appeal Decision:</b>	Dismissed	<b>Appeal Number:</b>	2303882
<b>Decision Date:</b>	08/18/2023	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	07/21/2023
<b>Hearing Officer:</b>	Thomas Doyle	<b>Record Open to:</b>	August 11, 2023

**Appearance for Appellant:**  
Pro se

**Appearance for MassHealth:**  
Sara Mondello, Tewksbury MEC

**Interpreter:**



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## APPEAL DECISION

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<b>MassHealth's Rep.:</b>	Sara Mondello	<b>Appellant's Rep.:</b>	Pro se
<b>Hearing Location:</b>	Remote (phone)	<b>Aid Pending:</b>	No

### Procedural Background

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 118E, Chapter 30A, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Appellant appealed because her coverage was changed from MassHealth Standard to MassHealth CommonHealth. All parties were contacted via telephone. The hearing convened, recording began and all parties were sworn. Documents 1 through 4 were marked as evidence.<sup>1</sup>

The record was left open for appellant to provide a letter from MassHealth that she testified would show she would be keeping MassHealth Standard as her insurance. During the record open period, appellant emailed this hearing examiner.<sup>2</sup> She informed him that, after speaking to MassHealth, she understood that she was on MassHealth CommonHealth before covid. During the hearing, it was appellant's position that she had always been covered by MassHealth Standard. Realizing she had been mistaken, she wished to "drop" her appeal. (Ex. 6, p. 2). This hearing officer replied to appellant's email to verify that she wanted to withdraw her appeal. Appellant answered that she did want to withdraw her appeal. (Ex. 6, p. 1).

As the appeal has been withdrawn, it is hereby dismissed. 130 CMR 610.035 (A)(2).

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Thomas Doyle  
Hearing Officer  
Board of Hearings

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MassHealth Representative: Sylvia Tiar, Tewksbury MassHealth Enrollment Center, 367 East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876-1957, 978-863-9290

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<sup>1</sup> Post hearing, pursuant to a record open period, MassHealth submitted a letter from MassHealth to appellant dated April 14, 2023, describing appellant's new monthly premium. This was marked as Exhibit 5.

<sup>2</sup> These emails were marked as Exhibit 6.

