

Office of Medicaid BOARD OF HEARINGS

Appellant Name and Address:



Appeal Decision:	Dismissed	Appeal Number:	2304194
Decision Date:	7/3/2023	Hearing Date:	06/21/2023
Hearing Officer:	Christopher Jones	Record Open to:	06/30/2023

Appearance for Appellant:



Appearance for MassHealth:

Nikita Jones – Taunton Ongoing



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APPEAL DECISION

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MassHealth's Rep.:	Nikita Jones	Appellant's Rep.:	[REDACTED]
Hearing Location:	Remote	Aid Pending:	No

Procedural Background

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 118E, Chapter 30A, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The issue on appeal was MassHealth's denial of the appellant's April 6, 2023 Medicare Savings Program application because he did not have Medicare. (Exhibit 1.) The appellant timely appealed on May 22, 2023, attaching a copy of his Medicare card. (Exhibit 2; 130 CMR 610.015(B).)

Following the hearing, the record was left open until June 23, 2023, for MassHealth's representative to re-run the data-match system with Social Security to verify the appellant's Medicare eligibility. MassHealth was able to verify the appellant's Social Security benefits and Medicare coverage. (Exhibit 5.) MassHealth confirmed the appellant's eligibility and agreed to approve the April 6, 2023 application; Buy-in coverage is effective for May 2023's Medicare premium. It may take Social Security several months in order to effectuate this adjustment in the appellant's eligibility, but his eligibility has been established in MassHealth's computer system. (Exhibit 5.)

As MassHealth and the appellant have resolved all issues on appeal, this matter is DISMISSED pursuant to 130 CMR 610.051(B).

Christopher Jones
Hearing Officer
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