## Office of Medicaid BOARD OF HEARINGS

## **Appellant Name and Address:**



Appeal Decision: Dismissed Appeal Number: 2304257

**Decision Date:** 11/6/2023 **Hearing Date:** 06/29/2023

Hearing Officer: Kimberly Scanlon Record Open to: 08/10/2023

Appearance for Appellant:

Via telephone

Appearance for MassHealth:

*Via telephone* Jamie Lapa



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## APPEAL DECISION

Appeal Decision: Dismissed Issue: Eligibility; Over 65;

Long-term care; Over

asset

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MassHealth's Rep.: Jamie Lapa Appellant's Rep.:

Hearing Location: Springfield Aid Pending: No

MassHealth Enrollment Center

Enrollment Center Room 1 (Remote)

## **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 April 25, 2023 denial of the Appellant's August 30, 2022 long-term care application because MassHealth determined that the Appellant has more countable assets than MassHealth benefits allow. (130 CMR 520.003; 520.004; Exhibit 1). The Appellant timely appealed on May 23, 2023. (130 CMR 610.015(B); Exhibit 2)

Following the hearing, the record was left open until July 27, 2023 for the Appellant to submit documentation showing asset spend-down. The record was also left open until August 3, 2023 for MassHealth to review the submitted documentation. (Exhibit 6). The Appellant requested to further extend the record open period until August 10, 2023, which was granted. (Exhibit 7; Exhibit 8, pp. 3-5). MassHealth subsequently responded that all verifications were received and an approval notice was issued. (Exhibit 8, p. 1-2).

and 130 CMR 520.004 remains in dispute, this matter is dismissed pursuant to 130 CMR 610.051(B). Any subsequent denial notices issued by MassHealth may be separately appealed.

Kimberly Scanlon Hearing Officer Board of Hearings

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