0Office of Medicaid BOARD OF HEARINGS

Appellant Name and Address:



Appeal Decision: Dismissed Appeal Number: 2305217

Decision Date: 09/08/2023 **Hearing Date:** 07/25/2023

Hearing Officer: Paul C. Moore Record Closed: 09/05/2023

Appellant Representative:

Pro se (by telephone)

MassHealth Representative:

Michael Rooney for Rachel Manzi (Worcester MassHealth Enrollment Center) (by telephone)



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APPEAL DECISION

Appeal Decision: Dismissed Issue: Excess Assets – Proof

of Spenddown

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MassHealth Rep.: M. Rooney for R. Appellant Rep.: Pro se

Manzi

Hearing Location: Remote

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 a denial of the appellant's application for long-term care services due to excess assets (Exh. 1).

At hearing, the appellant requested additional time to submit evidence of the spenddown of her assets to \$2,000.00 or less. The hearing officer left the record of the appeal open until August 22, 2023 for this purpose (Exh. 5). On August 22, 2023, the appellant contacted the Board of Hearings advising that she was hospitalized, and requesting another week to submit evidence of the asset spenddown (Exh. 6) The hearing officer extended the record-open period until September 5, 2023 for the appellant to submit the requested documents (Exh. 7).

On August 31, 2023, the MassHealth representative advised the hearing officer by e-mail that the appellant had submitted the necessary documentation, that assets had been reduced to less than \$2,000.00, and that the nursing facility where the appellant formerly resided had received the requested coverage start-date of January 22, 2023 (Exh. 8).

As the sole issue in dispute has been resolved, this appeal is hereby DISMISSED pursuant to 130 CMR 610.051(B).

Paul C. Moore Hearing Officer Board of Hearings

cc: Rachel Manzi, Appeals Coordinator, Worcester MEC