## Office of Medicaid BOARD OF HEARINGS

## **Appellant Name and Address:**



**Appeal Decision:** Dismissed **Appeal Number:** 2305318

**Decision Date:** 09/20/2023 **Hearing Date:** 08/07/2023

**Hearing Officer:** Kimberly Scanlon

**Appearance for Appellant:** 

Appearance for MassHealth:

; Appeal Representative Dr. Harold Kaplan

**Interpreter**: Sonia Gaztambide



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## APPEAL DECISION

Appeal Decision: Dismissed Issue: Orthodontic services

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MassHealth's Rep.: Dr. Harold Kaplan Appellant's Rep.:

**Hearing Location:** Tewksbury **Aid Pending:** No

MassHealth

**Enrollment Center** 

Room 1

## **Procedural Background & Outcome**

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 June 7, 2023 denial of the Appellant's prior authorization request for comprehensive orthodontic treatment with periodic orthodontic treatment visits. (Exhibit 1; Exhibit 5, pp. 3-5). The Appellant timely appealed on June 26, 2023. (130 CMR 610.015(B); Exhibit 2).

At the hearing, the MassHealth representative overturned the denial after examining the Appellant, agreeing that the Appellant qualified for comprehensive orthodontic treatment. (Testimony.)

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

If this action is not implemented within 30 days after the date of this decision, you should contact DentaQuest.<sup>1</sup> If you experience problems with the implementation of this decision, you should report this in writing to the Director of the Board of Hearings, at the address on the first page of this decision.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The MassHealth representative explained that it may take DentaQuest approximately four to six weeks to implement this decision; the Appellant and his orthodontic provider will be notified directly by DentaQuest.

Kimberly Scanlon Hearing Officer Board of Hearings

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MassHealth Representative: DentaQuest 1, MA