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Appellant Name and Address:



Appeal Decision:	DISMISSED	Appeal Number:	2305713
Decision Date:	10/4/2023	Hearing Date:	08/10/2023
Hearing Officer:	Kenneth Brodzinski		

Appearance for Appellant:

Pro se

Appearance for MassHealth:

Mary-Jo Elliott, RN

Interpreter: Russian



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APPEAL DECISION

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MassHealth's Rep.:	Mary-Jo Elliot, RN	Appellant's Rep.:	Pro se
Hearing Location:	Quincy		

Authority

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 118E, Chapter 30A, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Jurisdiction

Through notice dated [REDACTED] 2023, MassHealth approved prior authorization for all of the time Appellant requested for PCA assistance ([Exhibit A](#)). Appellant filed a timely appeal on July 13, 2023 ([Exhibit A](#)). Approval of a prior authorization for MassHealth benefits does not constitute valid grounds for appeal (see 130 CMR 610.032).

A hearing was held on August 10, 2023 during which Appellant expressed her dissatisfaction with the nursing evaluation that was performed for the prior authorization request. Appellant also discussed recent changes in her condition. Appellant was advised that these issues do not involve MassHealth actions. They involve the actions of her PCA agency. Appellant was advised to take these matters up with her agency.

As the subject MassHealth action does not constitute an appealable action, this appeal is DISMISSED.

Order for MassHealth

None.

Notification of Your Right to Appeal to Court

If you disagree with this decision, you have the right to appeal to Court in accordance with Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws. To appeal, you must file a complaint with the Superior Court for the county where you reside, or Suffolk County Superior Court, within 30 days of your receipt of this decision.

Kenneth Brodzinski
Hearing Officer
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cc:

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