

Office of Medicaid BOARD OF HEARINGS

Appellant Name and Address:



Appeal Decision:	Dismissed	Appeal Number:	2305876
Decision Date:	9/11/2023	Hearing Date:	08/31/2023
Hearing Officer:	Mariah Burns	Record Open to:	09/11/2023

Appearance for Appellant:



Appearance for MassHealth:

Jennifer Carroll, Tewksbury MassHealth
Enrollment Center



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APPEAL DECISION

Appeal Decision:	Dismissed	Issue:	Eligibility; Long-Term Care; Verifications
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MassHealth's Rep.:	Jennifer Carroll	Appellant's Rep.:	[REDACTED]
Hearing Location:	Remote	Aid Pending:	No

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 118E, Chapter 30A, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The appellant filed an appeal of a July 3, 2023, notice denying coverage for long-term care benefits for failure to submit the proper verifications. At hearing, it became clear that the appellant was actually seeking MassHealth Standard as a community case through the Frail Elder Waiver. The appellant was a long-term resident of a nursing home from [REDACTED] 2023, until she was discharged on [REDACTED] 2023, and has been residing in the community ever since. A long-term care application was filed on the appellant's behalf in March of 2023, seemingly by the nursing home. Because that long-term care application was still missing verifications and had not been withdrawn, the appellant's community application was unable to be processed. During the record open period, the appellant's representatives were able to provide all outstanding verifications for the long-term care application. MassHealth was therefore able to process that application and approve the appellant with a patient paid amount.¹

The MassHealth representative was also able to process the appellant's community application and approved the appellant for MassHealth Standard coverage through the Frail Elder Waiver beginning on July 20, 2023, with no gap in coverage. As the issues on appeal have resolved, the case is hereby dismissed.

¹ A new notice will issue with that patient paid amount and any challenge to that amount may be filed in a separate appeal. The appellant's rights are preserved.

Mariah Burns
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