

# Office of Medicaid BOARD OF HEARINGS

**Appellant Name and Address:**



<b>Appeal Decision:</b>	Approved	<b>Appeal Number:</b>	2308667
<b>Decision Date:</b>	10/31/2023	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	10/25/2023
<b>Hearing Officer:</b>	Emily Sabo		

**Appearance for Appellant:**



**Appearance for MassHealth:**

Dr. Harold Kaplan, DentaQuest



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## APPEAL DECISION

<b>Appeal Decision:</b>	Approved	<b>Issue:</b>	Prior Authorization; Orthodontic services
<b>Decision Date:</b>	10/31/2023	<b>Hearing Date:</b>	10/25/2023
<b>MassHealth's Rep.:</b>	Dr. Harold Kaplan	<b>Appellant's Rep.:</b>	Mother
<b>Hearing Location:</b>	Quincy Harbor South	<b>Aid Pending:</b>	No

### Authority

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

### Jurisdiction

Through a notice dated August 31, 2023, MassHealth denied the Appellant's request for prior authorization for orthodontic treatment (see 130 CMR 420.431 and Exhibit 1). The Appellant filed this appeal in a timely manner on September 21, 2023 (see 130 CMR 610.015(B) and Exhibit 2).

On October 10, 2023, MassHealth approved the Appellant's request for prior authorization for orthodontic treatment, citing additional documentation submitted by the Appellant's provider (Exhibit 5). MassHealth found that evidence demonstrated the Appellant has an auto qualifying condition and approved comprehensive orthodontic treatment (Exhibit 5).

Because MassHealth approved comprehensive orthodontic treatment for the Appellant, there are no longer any issues in dispute. Therefore, this appeal is dismissed. (130 CMR 610.035(A)(8)).

### Order for MassHealth

If MassHealth has not already done so, approve the orthodontic treatment, as discussed at the hearing and described above.

## Implementation of this Decision

If this decision is not implemented within 30 days after the date of this decision, you should contact your MassHealth Enrollment Center. 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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Board of Hearings

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