

Office of Medicaid BOARD OF HEARINGS

Appellant Name and Address:



Appeal Decision:	Dismissed with Implementation	Appeal Number:	2313660
Decision Date:	02/20/2024	Hearing Date:	01/26/2024
Hearing Officer:	Susan Burgess-Cox	Record Open to:	02/09/2024

Appearance for Appellant:

Pro se

Appearance for MassHealth:

Margaret Anoje (Springfield MEC) & Sara Prado (Premium Assistance)



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APPEAL DECISION

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Hearing Location:	All Parties Appeared by Telephone	Aid Pending:	Yes

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 December 18, 2023, MassHealth ended the appellant's coverage as she did not enroll in the required employer-sponsored insurance. (130 CMR 503.007(A); Exhibit 1). The appellant filed a timely appeal on December 27, 2023. (130 CMR 610.015; Exhibit 2). An agency action to suspend, reduce, terminate, or restrict a member's assistance is valid grounds for appeal. (130 CMR 610.032).

In July 2023, MassHealth notified the appellant that she needed to enroll in health insurance offered by her employer on or before September 16, 2023. As of the date of the hearing, the appellant had not enrolled in employer-sponsored insurance. At hearing, the representative from the Premium Assistance Unit (PAU) testified that if the appellant enrolled in employer-sponsored insurance, she would qualify for premium assistance payments. The record was held open to provide the appellant with the opportunity to enroll in employer-sponsored insurance. (Exhibit 4).

During the record open period, the appellant enrolled in employer-sponsored insurance, the Premium Assistance Unit processed the information and determined the appellant eligible for premium assistance beginning January 2024. (Exhibit 5; Exhibit 6).

As MassHealth adjusted their decision and reinstated the appellant's coverage due to her enrollment in employer-sponsored insurance, the issue on appeal has been resolved. This appeal is dismissed. (130 CMR 610.035(A)(8); 130 CMR 610.051(B)).

The appellant has appeal rights on any subsequent decision issued by MassHealth. (130 CMR 610.000).

Order for MassHealth

If such action has not already occurred, reinstate the appellant's coverage with eligibility for premium assistance beginning January 2024.

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.

Susan Burgess-Cox
Hearing Officer
Board of Hearings

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