

Office of Medicaid BOARD OF HEARINGS

Appellant Name and Address:



Appeal Decision:	Dismissed; Remanded	Appeal Number:	2413590
Decision Date:	1/2/2025	Hearing Date:	10/03/2024
Hearing Officer:	Casey Groff	Record Closed:	12/20/2024

Appearance for Appellant:
Pro se

Appearance for MassHealth:
Kay Omokoya, Charlestown MEC



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APPEAL DECISION

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MassHealth's Rep.:	Kay Omokoya	Appellant's Rep.:	<i>Pro se</i>
Hearing Location:	Board of Hearings, Remote	Aid Pending:	Yes

This hearing was conducted pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 118E, Chapter 30A, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The issue on appeal concerned a MassHealth notice dated 8/22/24, informing Appellant that her Standard with Buy-In benefit would end on 9/5/24 for failure to provide verification of eligibility within the required timeframe. *See* Exh. 1. Appellant filed a timely appeal with the Board of Hearings on 9/3/24. *See* Exh. 2. By filing the appeal, Appellant received an aid pending protection, which kept her benefit from closing through the pendency of this appeal.

At hearing, the MassHealth representative testified that the only remaining verification on Appellant's case was a valid proof of residency, and that until this was received, MassHealth was unable to renew Appellant's coverage. Following the hearing, the record remained open for Appellant to produce the documentation, and for MassHealth to review and respond. *See* Exhs. 4 and 5. On 12/20/24, the MassHealth representative confirmed that MassHealth received and processed an affidavit of residency that day, confirming that Appellant's residency had been verified. *See* Exh. 5.

As all issues pertaining to the 8/22/24 notice under appeal have been resolved, this appeal is DISMISSED. *See* 130 CMR 610.035.

If not already done, the matter is REMANDED to MassHealth to remove aid pending and proceed to "determine eligibility for the most comprehensive coverage type for which [Appellant] is eligible." see 130 CMR 519.001(C).¹

¹ All subsequent notices pertaining to Appellant's eligibility will carry separate appeal rights.

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