STATE OF RHODE ISLAND P.O. BOX 8709 CRANSTON, RI 02920-8787



Date Case Number : 04/14/2023



How to Contact Us Go Online: <u>https://healthyrhode.ri.gov</u>

For questions about affordable health coverage or human services programs, call Department of Human Services at 1-855-MY-RI-DHS (1-855-697-4347)

MEDICAID REVIEW (EX-PARTE) NOTICE

We have completed a review of your household's Medicaid eligibility. Our records indicate that the following individuals may no longer qualify for this category of Medicaid coverage.

Who will be terminated?	1? Termination reason(s)	
	You are age 65 or older and do not have a Medicaid eligible child you or your spouse claim as a tax dependent living in your household. Therefore, your Medicaid application has been denied.	
	Legal Basis: 210-RICR-30-00-1.6	

Based on the information we have right now, you may be eligible for health coverage under a different Medicaid category or through a HealthSource RI insurance plan. We need to know about any other changes in the status of members of your household such as a birth or death, enrollment in Medicare, a determination of disability by a government agency, or placement in prison or another institution like a nursing home or treatment center. It is your responsibility to report these changes in your account right away because they may affect your eligibility for Medicaid or financial help paying for health coverage through Healthsource RI.

Please return any information needed to determine your potential eligibility for other Medicaid coverage by 04/29/2023.

Other forms of coverage may be available! Please fill out the attached questionnaire to assist us in determining if there are other Medicaid categories for which you, your spouse, or a person in the household may be eligible.

Please answer ALL of the questions. Check the boxes YES or NO.

1. Does this person need help paying for Medicare premiums?
Yes No

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- 3. Does this person have a physical, mental or emotional health condition that limits daily activities like bathing, dressing, getting in bed, daily chores?
- 4. Does this person need long-term care services at home or in a community or, a health facility setting like a nursing home to help with this condition?
- 5. Were you in foster care at age 18 or older in Rhode Island? \Box Yes \Box No
- 6. Are you under age 65 and getting treatment now or do you need treatment for breast or cervical cancer? □ Yes □ No
- 7. Are you pregnant?
 Yes No. If Yes, Due date _____

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please answer this question.

8. Do you have medical bills? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, have you or anyone else in your home gotten care or medicine in the last 3 months and have bills (paid or unpaid) related to that care or medicine? Or, have you paid for any medical bills this month (no matter how old they are)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answer YES to any one of the above questions, please download

<u>http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Consumer/ConsumerInformation/Applications.aspx</u>, and fill out the DHS-2 application and mail it back with both pages of this letter.

You may also call the Department of Human Services at 1-855-MY-RI-DHS (1-855-697-4347) and request that an application be mailed to you.

If you choose to mail the application into us, you must:

- Send <u>THIS ENTIRE NOTICE</u> along with the DHS-2 application. This form contains a barcode that helps us process your case.
- Write your name and your case number on each additional page that you include with the DHS-2 form.
- If any of your information has changed based on the questions above, please update the information in the appropriate section in the DHS-2 form and provide proof for each of the sections updated.
- Mail to: PO Box 8709 Cranston, RI 02920-8787. Or
- **Drop Off:** the form at your local DHS office. For office locations, visit www.dhs.ri.gov or call 1-855-MY-RI-DHS.
- Online:
 - 1. You can also go to your User Account on https://healthyrhode.ri.gov and make the changes. OR
 - 2. You may go to your User Account on www.HealthSourceRl.com to answer these questions and provide proof as needed.

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You have a RIGHT to non-discriminatory treatment. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at

https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/usda-program-discrimination-complaint-form.pdf and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (formerly the Food Stamp Act), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services implementing regulations (45 C.F.R. Parts 80 and 84) and the U.S. Department of Education implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. Parts 104 and 106), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services (7 C.F.R. 272.6); the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) and the Department of Human Services (DHS), do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, religion, political beliefs, age or gender in acceptance for or provision of services, employment or treatment, in its education and other program activities. Under other provisions of applicable law, EOHHS and DHS do not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. For further information about these non-discrimination laws, regulations and complaint procedures for resolution of complaints of discrimination, contact DHS at 25 Howard Ave, Bldg. 57, Cranston, RI 02920 (401) 462-2971. To place a call using Rhode Island Relay, dial 7-1-1 or call one of these toll free numbers: TTY: 1-800-745-5555, Voice: 1-800-745-6575. The Community Relations Liaison Officer is the coordinator for implementation of Title VI, the Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) Administrator or his/her designee is the coordinator for implementation of the Title IX, Section 504, and ADA. The Director of DHS or his/her designee has the overall responsibility for civil rights compliance for all agency programs. The Secretary of EOHHS is responsible for Medicaid related discrimination issues and any such complaints will be referred accordingly.

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APPEAL RIGHTS

You may have the right to appeal and have an Administrative Fair Hearing if you disagree with our decisions. You may:

- 1. Call us to discuss the benefit decision. Contact us at the telephone number at the top of the first page of this notice. Be sure to have this notice and the case/identification number on-hand when you call.
- 2. Appeal for an Administrative Fair hearing. An Appeal is a formal request asking for the decision to be reviewed at an administrative hearing. Please continue reading for further information.

What is a fair hearing?

A fair hearing is a chance for you to tell an administrative hearing officer why you disagree with the agency's decision about your eligibility, benefits, and/or any costs you must pay. An agency representative is also present at the hearing to explain the basis for the agency decision. By law, the administrative officer must review the facts of the case presented by both sides in a fair and objective manner.

Deadlines for appeals and asking for a fair hearing

The chart below explains the deadlines for filing an appeal for each program. For some programs, your benefits or services may be continued until a hearing decision is made if you appeal by the deadlines listed in the chart. If you miss this deadline, you may lose your right to appeal. After you have filed your appeal, we will schedule your hearing and issue a decision within 90 days, or 60 days if the hearing relates to your SNAP benefits. A decision will issue on all HealthSource RI appeals within 90 days of the date an appeal request is received, as administratively feasible.

Program	You must file an appeal in:	Will benefits continue if the appeal is made within 10 days of the notice ("Aid Pending")?
Medicaid	30 days after the notice date plus five days for mailing time	Yes, benefits will automatically continue unless you tell us otherwise
SNAP	90 days from the notice mail date	Yes, benefits will automatically continue unless you tell us otherwise
CCAP	30 days from the notice mail date	Benefits may be reduced until a hearing decision is made.
GPA	10 days from the notice mail date	Yes, but the request must be made in writing
Commercial Health Insurance	30 days after the notice date plus five days for mailing time.	You must call HealthSource RI within 30 days of the notice to request Aid-Pending.
All other programs	30 days from the notice mail date	Yes

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Expedited Appeals

You have the right to an expedited appeal if you have an immediate need for health services or SNAP benefits and waiting for a standard appeal could seriously jeopardize your life or health, or ability to attain, maintain, or regain maximum function. We must decide expedited appeals as quickly as possible, given the circumstances. If we deny your request for an expedited appeal, we must inform you quickly, and we must handle your appeal through our standard process.

Right to Continue Benefits While Awaiting Hearing

You may have the right to have your benefits continue unchanged while you wait for your hearing (this is called "Aid-Pending"). Except for Commercial Health Insurance through HealthSource RI, if you appeal within 10 days, in most instances, you will be automatically granted Aid-Pending. Unless you can show otherwise, for Medicaid and HealthSource RI, we will assume that you received the notice 5 days after the date on the notice.

If you have Medicaid and you receive Aid-Pending, and then you lose your appeal, the State may make you pay back its costs for covering you during the Aid-Pending period. For HealthSource RI, Aid-Pending is only available if you are appealing an eligibility redetermination that occurred within 30 days of the date you file your appeal, and the request is made by telephone to HealthSource RI at 1-855-840-HSRI (4774). If you are receiving tax credits to help pay for your premiums and you receive Aid-Pending, and then you lose your appeal, then you may owe extra money in your federal taxes next year. If you pay monthly premiums, you must still pay during the Aid-Pending period.

If you receive SNAP, RIW or GPA benefits and receive Aid-Pending, and you lose your appeal, you may need to pay back the benefits you were issued but were not entitled to during this period.

Right to Represent Yourself and Right to be Represented

You have the right to represent yourself at the hearing, or to be represented by anyone you choose, including an attorney, advocate, friend, or relative.

Legal advice is available from Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. at 274-2652 or 1-800-662-5034. If you choose to have Legal representation, the representative must file a written Entry of Appearance with the Hearing Office at or before the hearing. The Entry of Appearance acts as a release of confidential information, allowing the Legal representative access to the Agency case record. It is also needed for the Hearing Office to confirm the representation for purposes of follow-up, review, request for continuances, etc.

Eligibility of Other Household Members May be Affected

Our appeal decision may result in changes to the eligibility of another member of your household.

Access to Your Case Record

You have the right to see your case record, including any evidence the State will use at your hearing. To view your case record, call us at 1-855-MYRIDHS (1-855-697-4347). If you are appealing an action taken by HealthSource RI, you may request a copy of your record by calling: 1-855-840-HSRI (4774).

Informal Resolution

We may be able to fix your problem quickly without a hearing. Please call 1-855-MYRIDHS (1-855-697-4347) so that we can review your case informally. If you are appealing an action taken by HealthSource RI, you may contact HealthSource RI at 1-855-840-HSRI (4774) to request an informal review of your appeal. We will reach out to you in an effort to resolve your appeal informally. Your right to a hearing will not be impacted by efforts to resolve your issue informally.

APPEAL FORM



Appeal Request Process

You may request an appeal by doing one of the following below. If you submit this form, the state will complete a review of your case to try to resolve the issue.

- Online. Log into your account at www.healthyrhode.ri.gov and click on "file an appeal".
- **By phone.** You can file an appeal regarding Medicaid and Purchased Health Coverage through HealthSource RI by calling HealthSource RI at 1-855-840-HSRI (4774). For questions about filing an appeal for human services programs such as SNAP, RIW, Child Care, GPA, or SSP call the Department of Human Services at 1-855-MY-RI-DHS (1-855-697-4347).
- In person. For in-person assistance visit www.dhs.ri.gov to view office locations.
- **By mail**. Complete this form and mail it to ATTN: Appeals STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, P.O. BOX 8709, CRANSTON, RI 02920-8787.

Name (required):		
Date of Birth (required):		
Account Number (as displayed at the top of	the notice):	
Address (required):		
Phone number:		
Email:		
Do you need help speaking, reading or writir	ng English? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No:	
If yes, what is your primary language?		
Preferred method of contact (circle one): en	nail / paper mail	
You must check off the reason(s) for your ap	opeal:	
Health Coverage:	Human Services:	
Medicaid	SNAP	GPA
Purchased plan through HSRI	RIW	CHILD CARE
Both/Unsure	SSP	
Other (Plea	ase explain)	



Please explain the reason for your appeal:

Do you need important health services or SNAP benefits immediately? If so, would you like an expedited appeal? Yes No:

If yes, Please explain:

IF THE HEARING DECISION IS NOT IN MY FAVOR, I UNDERSTAND THAT I MUST REPAY ANY ASSISTANCE AND/OR SNAP BENEFITS FOR WHICH I AM DETERMINED INELIGIBLE

Check this box if someone is going to help you with the appeal or represent you during the appeals process. This can be an attorney, friend, or family member. Provide this person's contact information:

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(Print Name) Local Office		(Print Name)	
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ATTENTION: Language assistance services are available to you free of charge. Call . 1-855-697-4347 (TTY 711).

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-855-697-4347 (TTY 711)

ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para 1-855-697-4347 (TTY 711)

注意:如果您使用繁體中文,您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-855-697-4347 (TTY 711)

ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 1-855-697-4347 (TTY 711)

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ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-855-697-4347 (ATS 711)

ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 1-855-697-4347 (TTY 711)

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ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذكر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم (رقم هاتف الصم والبكم: 1-855-697-4347 TTY 711

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-855-697-4347 (телетайп 711)

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-855-697-4347 (TTY 711)

UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 1-855-697-4347 (TTY 711)

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-855-697-4347 (TTY 711) 번으로 전화해 주십시오

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-855-697-4347 (TTY 711).

Dè dɛ nìà kɛ dyédé gbo: Ɔ jǔ ké ṁ [Ɓàsóɔ̀-wùdù-po-nyɔ̀] jǔ ní, nìí, à wudu kà kò dò po-poɔ̀ ɓɛ́ìn ṁ gbo kpáa. Đá 1-855-697-4347 (TTY 711)

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