


STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

REQUEST: March 6, 2019

AGENCY: MAP  
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In the Matter of the Appeal of	:
	: <b>DECISION</b>
	<b>AFTER</b>
	: <b>FAIR</b>
	<b>HEARING</b>
from a determination by the New York City	:
Department of Social Services	:

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**JURISDICTION**

Pursuant to Section 22 of the New York State Social Services Law (hereinafter Social Services Law) and Part 358 of Title 18 NYCRR, (hereinafter Regulations), a fair hearing was held on April 24, 2019, in New York City, before an Administrative Law Judge. The following persons appeared at the hearing:

For the Appellant



For the Social Services Agency

Agency appearance waived by the Office of Administrative Hearings

For the Appellant's Managed Long Term Care Plan (Centers Plan for Healthy Living)

Debra Ferguson, Centers Plan for Healthy Living Representative

**ISSUE**

Was the Managed Long Term Care Plan's determination dated March 5, 2019, to deny the Appellant's request for an increase of Personal Care Services to the amount of Continuous Personal Care Services (Split-Shift Care) correct?

**FACT FINDING**

An opportunity to be heard having been afforded to all interested parties and evidence having been taken and due deliberation having been had, it is hereby found that:

1. The Appellant (age 101) has been in receipt of a Personal Care Services authorization on a Live-in 24-Hour Personal Care Services basis from a Managed Long Term Care Plan, Centers Plan for Healthy Living.

2. On October 26, 2018, a nursing assessor completed a Uniform Assessment System evaluation of the Appellant's personal care needs. Among other things, the assessment indicates that the Appellant needs assistance with positioning in bed.

3. On February 28, 2019 a different nursing assessor completed another Uniform Assessment System evaluation of the Appellant's personal care needs. Among other things, the assessment indicates that the Appellant needs assistance with positioning in bed.

4. By Notice of Initial Adverse Determination dated January 29, 2019, the Managed Long Term Care Plan's determined to deny the Appellant's request for an increased Personal Care Services authorization to the amount of Continuous Personal Care Services (Split-Shift Care).

5. By Notice of Final Adverse Determination dated March 5, 2019, the Managed Long Term Care Plan's determined to deny the Appellant's request for an increased Personal Care Services authorization to the amount of Continuous Personal Care Services (Split-Shift Care).

6. On March 6, 2019, this hearing was requested.

### **APPLICABLE LAW**

Part 438 of 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) pertains to provision of Medicaid medical care, services and supplies through Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plans (PAHPs) and Primary Care Case Managers (PCCMs), and the requirements for contracts for services so provided.

Section 438.210 of 42 CFR Subpart D provides, in pertinent part:

- (a) Coverage - Each contract with an MCO, PIHP, or PAHP must do the following:
  - (1) Identify, define, and specify the amount, duration, and scope of each service that the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP is required to offer.
  - (2) Require that the services identified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section be furnished in an amount, duration, and scope that is no less than the amount, duration, and scope for the same services furnished to beneficiaries under fee-for-service Medicaid, as set forth in Sec. 440.230.

18 NYCRR 505.14(a)(2) provides a new definition of "Continuous Personal Care Services" ("Split-Shift Care") as follows: Continuous personal care services means the provision of

uninterrupted care, by more than one personal care aide, for more than 16 hours in a calendar day for a patient who, because of the patient's medical condition, needs assistance during such calendar day with toileting, walking, transferring, turning and positioning, or feeding and needs assistance with such frequency that a live-in 24 hour personal care aide would be unlikely to obtain, on a regular basis, five hours daily of uninterrupted sleep during the aide's eight hour period of sleep.

18 NYCRR 505.14(a)(4) provides a new definition of "Live-in 24-Hour Personal Care Services" as follows: Live-in 24-hour personal care services means the provision of care by one personal care aide for a patient who, because of the patient's medical condition, needs assistance during a calendar day with toileting, walking, transferring, turning and positioning, or feeding and whose need for assistance is sufficiently infrequent that a live-in 24-hour personal care aide would be likely to obtain, on a regular basis, five hours daily of uninterrupted sleep during the aide's eight hour period of sleep.

## **DISCUSSION**

The credible evidence establishes that the Appellant has been in receipt of a Personal Care Services authorization on a Live-in 24-Hour Personal Care Services basis from a Managed Long Term Care Plan, Centers Plan for Healthy Living. The credible evidence, in the form of copies of Uniform Assessment System assessments provided by the Managed Long Term Care Plan at the hearing, also establishes that on October 26, 2018, and February 28, 2019, different nursing assessors completed Uniform Assessment System evaluations of the Appellant's personal care needs. The credible evidence further establishes that both assessors independently stated that the Appellant has a need for positioning in bed. As standard protocol for positioning is once every two hours, it is plain that a home attendant could not meet the Appellant's positioning needs while obtaining, on a regular basis, five hours daily of uninterrupted sleep during the aide's eight hour period of sleep. The Managed Long Term Care Plan's own evidence clearly establishes that the Appellant is appropriate for continuous care Personal Care Services.

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At the hearing, the Appellant's Representative contended that the Appellant has unmet nighttime needs.

The evidence has been considered. The credible evidence establishes that the Appellant needs assistance at night with toileting and positioning with such frequency that a live-in 24 hour

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personal care aide would be unlikely to obtain, on a regular basis, five hours daily of uninterrupted sleep during the aide's eight hour period of sleep.

The credible evidence establishes that the Appellant is entitled to a Personal Care Services authorization in the amount of Continuous Personal Care Services (Split-Shift Care).

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Managed Long Term Care Plan's determination dated March 5, 2019, to deny the Appellant's request for an increase of Personal Care Services to the amount of Continuous Personal Care Services (Split-Shift Care) is not correct and is reversed.

1. The Managed Long Term Care Plan is directed to provide the Appellant with an increased Personal Care Services authorization in the amount of Continuous Personal Care Services (Split-Shift Care).

Should the Managed Long Term Care Plan need additional information from the Appellant in order to comply with the above directives, it is directed to notify the Appellant and the Appellant's Representative promptly in writing as to what documentation is needed. If such information is required, the Appellant or the Appellant's Representative must provide it to the Managed Long Term Care Plan promptly to facilitate such compliance.

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As required by Section 358-6.4 of the Regulations, the Managed Long Term Care Plan must comply immediately with the directives set forth above.

DATED: Albany, New York  
04/30/2019

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OF HEALTH

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Commissioner's Designee