STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

REQUEST: August 6, 2015

AGENCY: MAP **FH** #: 7096205N

In the Matter of the Appeal of

DECISION

ON

STIPULATION

HEARING

AFTER FAIR

from a determination by the New York City

Department of Social Services

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 October 7, 2015, 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 Office of Administrative Hearings

For New York Medicaid Choice (LMAX)

Ana Rodriguez, LMAX Fair Hearing Representative, on both dates

For the Appellant's Managed Long Term Care Plan (Centers Plan for Healthy Living) Jill Hinckson, Centers Plan for Healthy Living MLTC Fair Hearing Representative, on both dates

ISSUE

Was LMAX's decision to disenroll the Appellant from the Appellant's Managed Long Term Care Plan (Centers Plan for Healthy Living MLTC) effective September 1, 2015 correct?

FINDINGS OF FACT

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 67) has been in receipt of a Medical Assistance authorization for the Appellant. The Appellant was enrolled in and receiving services from a Managed Long Term Care Plan, Centers Plan for Healthy Living MLTC.
- 2. By a Notice dated July 30, 2015, New York Medicaid Choice (LMAX) informed the Appellant of its determination to disenroll the Appellant from Centers Plan for Healthy Living MLTC effective September 1, 2015.
 - 3. On August 6, 2015, the Appellant requested this fair hearing.

DISCUSSION

The record of the hearing establishes that the Appellant was enrolled in and receiving services from a Managed Long Term Care Plan, Centers Plan for Healthy Living MLTC. By a Notice dated July 30, 2015, New York Medicaid Choice (LMAX) informed the Appellant of its determination to disenroll the Appellant from Centers Plan for Healthy Living MLTC effective September 1, 2015.

At the hearing, New York Medicaid Choice (LMAX) agreed to withdraw its July 30, 2015 Notice of Intent to disenroll the Appellant from Centers Plan for Healthy Living MLTC effective September 1, 2015. LMAX agreed to reenroll the Appellant in Centers Plan for Healthy Living MLTC from the date of disenrollment and to continue to allow the Appellant to be enrolled in Centers Plan for Healthy Living MLTC.

DECISION AND ORDER

In accordance with New York Medicaid Choice LMAX's agreements made at the hearing, New York Medicaid Choice LMAX is directed to take the following action if it has not already done so:

- 1. Withdraw its Notice of Intent dated July 30, 2015.
- 2. Take no further action on its Notice of Intent dated July 30, 2015
- 3. New York Medicaid Choice LMAX is directed to retroactively re-enroll the Appellant in Centers Plan for Healthy Living MLTC from the date of disenrollment, and to continue to allow the Appellant to be enrolled in Centers Plan for Healthy Living MLTC.

Should LMAX in the future determine to implement its previous determination with respect to the Appellant's and the Appellant's Wife's Medical Assistance benefits it is directed to issue a timely and adequate Notice of Intent.

Should the Agency need additional information from the Appellant in order to comply with the above directives, it is directed to notify the Appellant promptly in writing as to what documentation is needed. If such information is requested, the Appellant must provide it to the Agency promptly to facilitate such compliance.

As required by 18 NYCRR 358-6.4, the Agency must comply immediately with the directives set forth above.

DATED: Albany, New York

10/21/2015

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Commissioner's Designee