

**NOTICE OF DECISION ON YOUR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION  
LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES  
(Substantial Home Equity)**

NOTICE DATE:	EFFECTIVE DATE:	NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENCY/CENTER OR DISTRICT OFFICE		
CASE NUMBER	CIN NUMBER			
CASE NAME (and C/O Name if Present) AND ADDRESS		GENERAL TELEPHONE NO. FOR QUESTIONS OR HELP _____		
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		<b>OR</b> Agency Conference _____ Fair Hearing Information and Assistance _____ Record Access _____ Legal Assistance Information _____		
OFFICE NO.	UNIT NO.	WORKER NO.	UNIT OR WORKER NAME	TELEPHONE NO.

We have accepted your Medical Assistance application dated \_\_\_\_\_ with Community Coverage without Long-Term Care effective \_\_\_\_\_.

You are not eligible for Medical Assistance coverage of the following long-term care services:

- services provided in skilled nursing facilities, including hospice and managed long-term care, health-related facilities, or intermediate care facilities;
- nursing facility services provided in a hospital; or
- home and community-based services provided pursuant to a waiver under Section 1915 (c) or (d) of the Social Security Act; and
- community-based long-term care services.

You are not eligible for Medical Assistance coverage of these services because we have determined that your home equity interest exceeds the home equity limit of \$750,000 and we have decided that an undue hardship does not exist.

Undue hardship exists when you meet all other eligibility requirements and the denial of Medical Assistance would deprive you:

- of medical care such that your health or life would be endangered; or
- of food, clothing, shelter, or other necessities of life;

and there is a legal impediment that prevents you from being able to access your equity interest in the property.

Although you are not eligible for long-term care services due to the value of your home equity interest, you may be eligible for coverage of other care and services, (e.g., *eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures and acute hospital care*). In order for you to be eligible for this coverage, either: (1) your income must be no greater than the allowable MA income standards; or (2) if your income exceeds the allowable MA income standards, you must meet certain excess income requirements. You will have to meet an excess income requirement for these services if there is an  in the box below.

**EXCESS INCOME**

Your total gross monthly income is \$\_\_\_\_\_. Your total monthly deductions are \$\_\_\_\_\_. The difference between these is your net monthly income. This is \$\_\_\_\_\_. The allowance income standard for a family household your size is \$\_\_\_\_\_. The difference between your net monthly amount and this standard (\$\_\_\_\_\_). Please see the enclosed form LDSS-4038, which explains how you can meet the excess income requirements and become eligible for coverage under the EXCESS INCOME PROGRAM.

**NOTE:** If there are other factors that affect your Medical Assistance coverage, a separate notice is enclosed.

The Laws and/or Regulations which allow us to do this are: Section 366.2(a)(1) of Social Services Law.

*REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THIS DEPARTMENT OF ANY CHANGES IN NEEDS, RESOURCES, LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OR ADDRESS*

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL THIS DECISION  
BE SURE TO READ THE BACK OF THIS NOTICE ON HOW TO APPEAL THIS DECISION**

**RIGHT TO A CONFERENCE:** You may have a conference to review these actions. If you want a conference, you should ask for one as soon as possible. At the conference, if we discover that we made the wrong decision or if, because of information you provide, we determine to change our decision, we will take corrective action and give you a new notice. You may ask for a conference by calling us at the number on the first page of this notice or by sending a written request to us at the address listed at the top of the front page of this notice. This number is used only for asking for a conference. ***It is not the way you request a fair hearing.*** If you ask for a conference you are still entitled to a fair hearing. Read below for fair hearing information.

**RIGHT TO A FAIR HEARING:** If you believe that the above action is wrong, you may request a State fair hearing by:

- 1) **Telephone:** You may call the state wide toll free number: 800-342-3334 (PLEASE HAVE THIS NOTICE WITH YOU WHEN YOU CALL) **OR**
- 2) **Fax:** Send a copy of this notice to fax no. (518) 473-6735. **OR**
- 3) **On-Line:** Complete and send the online request form at: <https://www.otda.state.ny.us/oah/forms.asp>. **OR**
- 4) **Write:** Send a copy of this notice **completed**, to the Fair Hearing Section, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, P.O. Box 1930, Albany, New York 12201. Please keep a copy for yourself.

I want a fair hearing. The Agency's action is wrong because: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Client: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU HAVE 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO REQUEST A FAIR HEARING**

If you request a fair hearing, the State will send you a notice informing you of the time and place of the hearing. You have the right to be represented by legal counsel, a relative, a friend or other person, or to represent yourself. At the hearing you, your attorney or other representative will have the opportunity to present written and oral evidence to demonstrate why the action should not be taken, as well as an opportunity to question any persons who appear at the hearing. Also, you have a right to bring witnesses to speak in your favor. You should bring to the hearing any documents such as this notice, pay stubs, receipts, medical bills, heating bills, medical verification, letters, etc. that may be helpful in presenting your case.

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE:** If you need free legal assistance, you may be able to obtain such assistance by contacting your local Legal Aid Society or other legal advocate group. You may locate the nearest Legal Aid Society or advocate group by checking your Yellow Pages under "Lawyers" or by calling the number indicated on the front of this notice.

**ACCESS TO YOUR FILE AND COPIES OF DOCUMENTS:** To help you get ready for the hearing, you have a right to look at your case file. If you call or write to us, we will provide you with free copies of the documents from your file which we will give to the hearing officer at the fair hearing. Also, if you call or write to us, we will provide you with free copies of other documents from your file which you think you may need to prepare for your fair hearing. To ask for documents or to find out how to look at your file, call us at the Record Access telephone number listed at the top of the front of this notice or write us at the address printed at the top of the front of this notice.

If you want copies of documents from your case file, you should ask for them ahead of time. They will be provided to you within a reasonable time before the date of the hearing. Documents will be mailed to you only if you specifically ask that they be mailed.

**INFORMATION:** If you want more information about your case, how to ask for a fair hearing, how to see your file, or how to get additional copies of documents, call us at the telephone numbers listed at the top of the front of this notice or write to us at the address printed at the top of the front of this notice.

**ATTENTION:** Children under 19 years of age who are not eligible for Child Health Plus A or other health insurance may be eligible for the Child Health Plus B Insurance Plan (Child Health Plus B). The plan provides health care insurance for children. Call 1-800-522-5006 for information.