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PETITIONER,

AHCA Case No.: 22-FH2226

Plan ID No.: [REDACTED]

vs.

**COVENTRY HEALTHCARE OF FLORIDA, INC.
D/B/A AETNA BETTER HEALTH OF FLORIDA, INC.,**

RESPONDENT.

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FINAL ORDER

At all times relevant to this proceeding, Petitioner received Medicaid benefits through Coventry Healthcare of Florida, Inc. d/b/a Aetna Better Health of Florida, Inc. On November 28, 2022, [REDACTED] (“Complainant”) requested a Fair Hearing based on Respondent’s denial of durable medical equipment.

Pursuant to notice e-mailed to the Petitioner’s Authorized Representative’s e-mail address of record on February 1, 2023, the undersigned Hearing Officer convened a telephonic hearing on February 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Petitioner’s Authorized Representative was not in attendance. After a fifteen-minute grace period, the undersigned took a roll call on the record of the persons in attendance and went off the record at 9:16 a.m.

Rule 59G-1.100(9)(b)(5)(b), Florida Administrative Code, authorizes a Hearing Officer to deny or dismiss a request for a Fair Hearing if the Recipient fails to appear at the scheduled Fair Hearing without good cause.


On February 23, 2023, the undersigned issued an Order to Show Cause (“Order”) why the instant case should not be dismissed for failure to appear at the scheduled Fair Hearing. The Order notified the Petitioner’s Authorized Representative that failure to show good cause on or before March 6, 2023, would result in dismissal of the case. On February 24, 2023, Complainant sent an e-mail to the Office of Fair Hearings that the equipment at issue had been approved and did not request that the hearing be rescheduled.

Based on the foregoing,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT:

Petitioner’s Fair Hearing request is hereby deemed abandoned, and this matter is now closed.

DONE AND ORDERED this 7th day of March, 2023, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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JOSEPH MABRY, Hearing Officer
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NOTICE OF A RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW, WHICH SHALL BE INSTITUTED BY FILING THE ORIGINAL NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF AHCA, AND A COPY, ALONG WITH THE FILING FEE PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL IN THE APPELLATE DISTRICT WHERE THE AGENCY MAINTAINS ITS HEADQUARTERS OR WHERE A PARTY RESIDES. REVIEW PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FLORIDA APPELLATE RULES. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE RENDITION OF THE ORDER TO BE REVIEWED.

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