



STATE OF FLORIDA  
AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICE OF FAIR HEARINGS

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PETITIONER,

AHCA Case No.: 23-FH0152

vs.

DENTAQUEST OF FLORIDA, INC.,

RESPONDENT.

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**FINAL ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

On January 25, 2023, [REDACTED] (“Petitioner’s Authorized Representative”) requested a Fair Hearing on behalf of Petitioner. Rule 59G-1.100(8)(e), Florida Administrative Code, requires an Enrollee to initiate and complete a plan appeal before making a Fair Hearing request. The plan appeal is complete when the Plan issues a Notice of Plan Appeal Resolution (“NPAR”) indicating the plan appeal was not resolved wholly in the Enrollee’s favor, or the Plan fails to adhere to notice and timing requirements applicable to plan appeals. If an Enrollee does not complete the plan appeal process prior to requesting a Fair Hearing, the Fair Hearing will be dismissed. As of the date of the Fair Hearing request, the Office of Fair Hearings did not have a plan appeal for this case.

On March 13, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., a Fair Hearing was convened before the undersigned Hearing Officer in the above-styled case. At the hearing, Petitioner requested information on next steps following the untimely plan appeal request. Respondent’s representative provided to Petitioner guidance on the Plan’s request for services process and appeal process.

On March 14, 2023, the undersigned issued an Order to Show Cause (“Order”) why the Fair Hearing request should not be dismissed for failure to comply with Rule 59G-1.100(8)(e), Florida Administrative Code. The Order notified Petitioner’s Authorized Representative that failure to comply with the rule requirement on or before March 24, 2023, would result in dismissal of the case.


In this case, the Office of Fair Hearings did not receive, on or before March 24, 2023, an NPAR or a response indicating that the plan failed to adhere to the notice and timing requirements applicable to plan appeals.

Based on the foregoing,

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT:**

This case is dismissed without prejudice and is now closed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** this 27th day of March, 2023, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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**KIMBERLY ROCHE, Hearing Officer**  
**Agency for Health Care Administration**  
**Office of Fair Hearings**  
**2727 Mahan Drive, Mail Stop # 11**  
**Tallahassee, FL 32308-5407**

**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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