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AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF FAIR HEARINGS

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PETITIONER,

AHCA Case No.: 23-FH1559

vs.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE
ADMINISTRATION,

RESPONDENT.

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FINAL ORDER

At all times relevant to this proceeding, Petitioner received Medicaid benefits on a fee-for-service basis. On June 23, 2023, Petitioner requested a Fair Hearing based on Respondent's termination.

Pursuant to notice e-mailed to the Petitioner's Authorized Representative's e-mail address of record on August 21, 2023, the undersigned Hearing Officer convened a telephonic hearing on September 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.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 1:16 p.m. The Office of Fair Hearings received an e-mail dated September 8, 2023 at 4:47 p.m. stating that Petitioner's Authorized Representative "[REDACTED]." The e-mail was not from Petitioner or Petitioner's Authorized Representative.

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 September 11, 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 Office of Fair Hearings received an e-mail dated September 11, 2023 stating that Petitioner’s Authorized Representative missed the scheduled hearing because [REDACTED] “ [REDACTED] and unable to call in” and requesting to “reschedule ASAP.” Again, the e-mail was not from Petitioner or Petitioner’s Authorized Representative. The Order notified the Petitioner’s Authorized Representative that failure to show good cause on or before September 21, 2023, would result in dismissal of the case. The Office did not receive any communication from the Petitioner’s Authorized Representative explaining [REDACTED] absence or requesting 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 22nd day of September, 2023 in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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KAMEISHA PRESLEY, Hearing Officer
Agency for Health Care Administration
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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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