

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



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PETITIONER,

AHCA Case No.: 24-FH0100

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 January 9, 2024, Petitioner requested a Fair Hearing based on Respondent's denial of direct reimbursement.

Pursuant to notice e-mailed to the Petitioner's Authorized Representative's e-mail address of record on January 18, 2024, the undersigned Hearing Officer convened a telephonic hearing on February 8, 2024, at 2:00 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 2:16 p.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 9, 2024, 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 February 19, 2024, would result in dismissal of the case. The Office did receive e-mail communication from the Petitioner’s Authorized Representative [REDACTED], who is not an authorized representative in this matter, inquiring about the status of this case and a “motion” filed in another case, but no correspondence was received explaining the authorized representative’s absence or requesting that the hearing in this matter 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 20th day of March, 2024 in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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**ALAN LEIFER, 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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