

**MODEL MMC/MLTC FINAL ADVERSE DETERMINATION (WITH AC) (Revised 7/25)**

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[MCO/MLTC OR DUAL LETTERHEAD FOR PLAN AND UR AGENT/BENEFIT MANAGER]

[Plan Name] [UR Agent/Benefit Manager Name]

[Address]

[Phone]

**FINAL ADVERSE DETERMINATION  
NOTICE TO REDUCE, SUSPEND OR STOP SERVICES**

[Date]

[Enrollee]

[Address]

[City, State Zip]

Enrollee Number: [ID number or CIN]

Coverage type: [coverage type]

Service: [describe requested service including amount/duration/date of service]

Plan reference number: [plan reference number]

Provider: [provider to perform the service]

Facility: [Insert Facility]

Service developer/manufacture: [service developer/manufacture]

Date of Initial Adverse Determination notice: [IAD notice date]

Date appeal filed: [date appeal filed]

Date of appeal determination: [date of appeal determination]

Dear [Enrollee]:

This is an important notice about your services. Read it carefully. If you think this decision is wrong, [you have **four months** to ask for an External Appeal or] you can ask for a Fair Hearing by [Date+120]. **If you want to keep your services the same until your Fair Hearing is decided, you must ask for a Fair Hearing by [DATE+10].** You are not responsible for payment of covered services and this is not a bill. Call this number if you have any questions or need help [1-800-MCO-PLAN].

**Why am I getting this notice?**

You are getting this notice because on [date appeal filed] {for Fast Track appeals insert} [at [hour received]], you or your provider asked for a Plan Appeal about our decision to [reduce] [suspend] [stop] [service]. [Insert summary of appeal].

On [date of appeal determination], [[UR Agent Name/Benefit Manager] on behalf of] [Plan Name] decided we are [not changing our decision][changing our decision and will partially approve your service].

From [STARTDATE] to [ENDDATE], the plan approved: [HOURS/DAYS, VISITS, LEVEL, QTY, etc., and PREVIOUS TOTAL AMOUNT]

On [DATEIAD], we decided to [reduce your [SERVICE] from [HOURS/DAYS, VISITS, LEVEL, QTY, etc.] to [HOURS/DAYS, VISITS, LEVEL, QTY, etc.] starting on [Date].] {or} [suspend your [SERVICE] from [STARTDATE] to [ENDDATE].] {or} [stop your [SERVICE] on [Date].]

On [DATE FAD], we have [partially] denied your Plan Appeal and:

[On [EFFDATE] we will reduce your [SERVICE] to [HOURS/DAYS, VISITS, LEVEL, QTY, etc. and new TOTAL AMOUNT].] {or}

[On [EFFDATE] we will suspend your [SERVICE] from [STARTDATE] to [ENDDATE].] {or}

[On [EFFDATE] we will stop your [SERVICE].]

{Insert as applicable} [We will review your care again [IN TIME FRAME/ ON DATE].]

{Insert for continuing services} [This service will be provided by [a participating][an out of network] provider. You are not responsible for any extra payments, but you will still have to pay your regular co-pay if you have one.]

## Why did we [reduce][suspend][stop] your service?

We made this decision because the [service is not medically necessary][there was not enough information to determine if the service is medically necessary][other decision].

- Your [service] will be [reduced][suspended][stopped] because:
  - [Indicate the change in the enrollee's medical condition, social, or environmental circumstances since the previous authorization was made.]
  - [State when the change occurred.]
  - [Include the criteria requirements and other information relied on to make the decision.]
- You no longer meet the criteria for your current level of service because:
  - [Describe why or how the change in medical condition, social, or environmental circumstances no longer meet the criteria for the previous authorization or why/how this change necessitates a change in services.]

{Note: The rationale must be sufficiently specific to enable the enrollee to determine the basis for appeal.}

This decision was made under 42 CFR Sections 438.210 and 438.404; NYS Social Services Law Sections 364-j(4)(k) and 365-a(2); 18 NYCRR Section 360-10.8[; ADD SPECIFIC BENEFIT CITATION AS APPLICABLE]

## What if I don't agree with this decision?

If you think this decision is wrong:

- **You can ask the State for a Fair Hearing** – and an Administrative Law Judge will decide your case.
- {Insert if applicable} [If we said your service was not medically necessary, you can **ask the State for an External Appeal** – this may be the best way to show how this service is medically necessary for you. Your services may change while you are waiting for an External Appeal decision.]

If you ask for both a Fair Hearing and an External Appeal, the Fair Hearing decision will be the final answer about your benefits.]

**If you want to keep your services the same**

- You **must** ask for a Fair Hearing within 10 calendar days or by the date this decision takes effect, whichever is later.
- The last day to ask for a Fair Hearing and keep your services the same is **[date+10]**.
- Your services will stay the same until we make our decision. If the Fair Hearing is not decided in your favor, you may have to pay for the services provided while waiting for the decision.

**You have a total of 120 calendar days** from the date of this notice to ask for a Fair Hearing. The deadline to ask for a Fair Hearing is **[date+120]**.

The Fair Hearing decision will be made in 90 days. If a delay will seriously risk your health, life, or ability to function, you can ask for a fast track Fair Hearing. You must send the State information that shows that you need a fast track Fair Hearing. This information can be from your provider, or someone who knows about your situation. Send in this information when you ask for a fast track Fair Hearing using any of the ways listed below. You can also send this information after you ask for a fast track Fair Hearing using UploadNY at <https://upload.ny.gov/en-US/>.

## **How Can I Ask for a Fair Hearing?**

**To ask for a Fair Hearing**, you can:

- **Call:** 1-800-342-3334 (TTY call 711 and ask operator to call 1-877-502-6155)
- **Request online using the form at:** <http://otda.ny.gov/oah/FHReq.asp>
- **Use the Managed Care Fair Hearing Request Form that came with this notice.** Return it with this notice by mail, fax, or in person. Keep a copy of the request and notice for yourself.

**MAIL FAIR HEARING REQUEST FORM TO:**

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
Managed Care Unit  
P.O. Box 22023  
Albany, New York 12201-2023

**FAX FAIR HEARING REQUEST FORM TO:** 518-473-6735

OR

- **WALK IN – New York City:**  
Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
5 Beaver Street  
New York, New York 10004

**Albany:**  
Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
40 North Pearl Street  
Albany, New York 12243

**After you ask for a Fair Hearing**, the State will send you a notice with the time and place of the hearing. At the hearing you will be asked to explain why you think this decision is wrong. A hearing officer will hear from both you and the plan and decide whether our decision was wrong. If the State denies your request for a fast track Fair Hearing, they will call you and send you a letter. If your request for a fast track Fair Hearing is denied, the State will process your Fair Hearing in 90 days.

If the State approves your request for a fast track Fair Hearing, they will call you to give you the time and date of your hearing. All Fast Track Fair Hearings will be held by phone.

**To prepare for the hearing:**

- **We will send you a copy of the “evidence packet” before the hearing.** This is information we used to make our decision about your services. We will give this information to the hearing officer to explain our decision. If there is not time enough to mail it to you, we will bring a copy of the evidence packet to the hearing for you. If you do not get the evidence packet by the week before your hearing, you can call [1-800 MCO-PLAN] to ask for it.
- **You have the right to see your case file and other documents.** Your case file has your health records and may have more information about why your health care service was changed or not approved. You can also ask to see guidelines and any other document we used to make this decision. You can call [1-800 MCO-PLAN] to see your case file and other documents, or to ask for a free copy. Copies will only be mailed to you if you say you want them to be mailed.
- **You have a right to bring a person with you to help you at the hearing**, like a lawyer, a friend, a relative or someone else. At the hearing, you or this person can give the hearing officer something in writing, or just say why the decision was wrong. You can also bring people to speak in your favor. You or this person can also ask questions of any other people at the hearing.
- **You have the right to submit documents to support your case.** Bring a copy of any papers you think will help your case, such as doctor's letters, health care bills, and receipts. It may be helpful to bring a copy of this notice and all the pages that came with it to your hearing.
- **You may be able to get legal help** by calling your local Legal Aid Society or advocate group. To locate a lawyer, check your Yellow Pages under “Lawyers” or go to [www.LawhelpNY.org](http://www.LawhelpNY.org). In New York City, call 311.

**After the hearing**, you will be sent a written decision about your case.

**{insert if applicable} [How can I ask for an External Appeal?**

You have **four months** from receipt of this notice to ask for an External Appeal.

A description of your External Appeal rights and an application is attached to this notice. To ask for an External Appeal fill out and return the application to the New York State Department

of Financial Services. You may need your doctor's help to fill out the External Appeal application. You can call the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-400-8882 for help.

The External Appeal decision will be made in 30 days. Your appeal will be fast tracked if your provider says the appeal needs to be faster. If your External Appeal is fast tracked, a decision will be made in 72 hours. The decision will be sent to you in writing.]

### **Other Help:**

You can file a complaint about your managed care at any time with the New York State Department of Health by calling [{for MMC}] 1-800-206-8125] {or for MLTC} [1-866-712-7197].

{Insert for all MLTCP/MAP/HARP; Insert for MA/MMC/HIV SNP only when services are LTSS or Delete} [You can call the Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN) to get free, independent advice about your coverage, complaints, and appeals' options. They can help you manage the appeal process. Contact ICAN to learn more about their services:

Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN)  
Community Service Society of New York  
633 Third Ave, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10017  
**Phone:** 1-844-614-8800 (**TTY Relay Service:** 711)  
**Web:** [www.icannys.org](http://www.icannys.org) | **Email:** [ican@cssny.org](mailto:ican@cssny.org)

{Insert for MA/MMC/HIV-SNP for non-LTSS Services or Delete} [For advice about your coverage or help filing a complaint or appeal, you can contact Community Health Advocates (CHA) at:

Community Health Advocates (CHA)  
Community Service Society of New York  
633 Third Ave, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10017  
**Phone:** 1-888-614-5400 (**TTY Relay Service:** 711)  
**Web:** [www.communityhealthadvocates.org](http://www.communityhealthadvocates.org) | **Email:** [cha@cssny.org](mailto:cha@cssny.org)

Are you having trouble getting the substance use disorder or mental health services that you need? The Community Health Access to Addiction and Mental healthcare Project (CHAMP) is an ombudsman program that can help you with insurance rights and getting coverage for your care. CHAMP can help! Contact:

Community Health Access to Addiction and Mental Healthcare Project (CHAMP)  
Community Service Society of New York  
633 Third Ave, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10017  
**Phone:** 1-888-614-5400 (**TTY Relay Service:** 711)  
**Web:** <https://www.cssny.org/programs/entry/community-health-access-to-addiction-and-mental-healthcare-project-champ>  
**Email:** [ombuds@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:ombuds@oasas.ny.gov)

You can call [CONTACT PERSON NAME] at [PLAN NAME] at [1-800-MCO-PLAN] if you have any questions about this notice. {Insert as applicable} [To talk to someone at [UR Agent], call [contact name] at [UR Agent number].

Sincerely,

MCO/UR AGENT/BENEFIT MANAGER Representative

Enclosure: Managed Care Fair Hearing Request Form  
{Insert as applicable} [External Appeal Standard Description and Application]

cc: Requesting Provider

*{Plans must send a copy of this notice to parties to the appeal including, but not limited to authorized representatives, legal guardians, designated caregivers, etc. Include the following when such parties exist:}*

[At your request, a copy of this notice has been sent to:  
[Fname Lname]]

{MMC}[229]{or}[266]{MLTC}[212]{or}[211] **MANAGED CARE DECISION FAIR HEARING REQUEST FORM AC**

**MAIL TO:** NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
Managed Care Unit  
P.O. Box 22023  
Albany, New York 12201-2023

**FAX TO:** 518-473-6735

**DEADLINE:**

- If you want to keep your services the same until the Fair Hearing decision, you must ask within 10 calendar days of the date of this notice, or by the date the decision takes effect, whichever is later.
- The last day to ask to keep your services the same is [Date+10].
- You have a total of 120 calendar days from the date of this notice to ask for a Fair Hearing. The last day to ask for a Fair Hearing is [DATE+120]. If you want a Fair Hearing, you must ask for it on time.

☐ I want a Fair Hearing. This decision is wrong because:

Enrollee	Name	Signature	Phone
Representative (if any)	Name	Signature	
	Relationship	Phone	

Your service WILL NOT CHANGE until the Fair Hearing decision if you ask for a Fair Hearing by [date+10]. If you lose your Fair Hearing you may have to pay for services you got while waiting for the decision. Check this box only if you **do not want** to keep your health care the same:

☐ I **DO NOT** want to keep my health care the same. I agree that the plan can reduce, suspend or stop my services as described in this notice before my Fair Hearing decision is issued.

**FOR NYS OTDA ONLY** MANAGED CARE DECISION FAIR HEARING REQUEST FORM

Notice Date: [DATE]	Effective: [DATE]	Service Type: [Service]
Case Name (c/o, if present) and Address: [ENROLLEE NAME] [ENROLLEE ADDRESS]	[MCO/URA NAME] [MCO/URA ADDRESS]	
CIN: [MEDICAID CIN]	Reference No.: [MCO REFERENCE NUMBER]	

A Plan Appeal was filed on [date]. On [date of appeal determination], [UR Agent Name/Benefit Manager] on behalf of [Plan Name] decided we are [not changing our previous decision to [reduce][suspend][stop]] [changing our previous decision and will partially approve] the service. From [STARTDATE] to [ENDDATE], the plan approved: [HOURS/DAYS, VISITS, LEVEL, QTY, etc., and PREVIOUS TOTAL AMOUNT].

On [DATEIAD], we decided to [reduce your [SERVICE] from [HOURS/DAYS, VISITS, LEVEL, QTY, etc.] to [HOURS/DAYS, VISITS, LEVEL, QTY, etc.] starting on [Date].] {or} [suspend your [SERVICE] from [STARTDATE] to [ENDDATE].] {or} [stop your [SERVICE] on [Date].]

On [DATEFAD] we have [partially] denied your Plan Appeal and [on [EFFDATE] we will reduce your [SERVICE] to [HOURS/DAYS, VISITS, LEVEL, QTY, etc. and new TOTAL AMOUNT].] {or} [on [EFFDATE] we will suspend your [SERVICE] from [STARTDATE] to [ENDDATE].] {or} [on [EFFDATE] we will stop your [SERVICE].]



ATTENTION: Language assistance services and other aids, free of charge, are available to you. Call <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>.	English
ATENCIÓN: Dispone de servicios de asistencia lingüística y otras ayudas, gratis. Llame al <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>.	Spanish
请注意：您可以免费获得语言协助服务和其他辅助服务。请致电 <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>。	Chinese
ملاحظة: خدمات المساعدة اللغوية والمساعدات الأخرى المجانية متاحة لك. اتصل بالرقم <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>.	Arabic
주의: 언어 지원 서비스 및 기타 지원을 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. <toll free number> <TTY/TDD> 번으로 연락해 주십시오.	Korean
ВНИМАНИЕ! Вам доступны бесплатные услуги переводчика и другие виды помощи. Звоните по номеру <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>.	Russian
ATTENZIONE: Sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica e altri ausili gratuiti. Chiamare il <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>.	Italian
ATTENTION : Des services d'assistance linguistique et d'autres ressources d'aide vous sont offerts gratuitement. Composez le <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>.	French
ATANSYON: Gen sèvis pou bay asistans nan lang ak lòt èd ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>.	French Creole
אכטונג: שפראך הילף סערוויסעס און אנדערע הילף, זענען אוועילעבל פאר אייך אומזיסט. רופט <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>.	Yiddish
UWAGA: Dostępne są bezpłatne usługi językowe oraz inne formy pomocy. Zadzwoń: <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>.	Polish
ATENSYON: Available ang mga serbisyong tulong sa wika at iba pang tulong nang libre. Tumawag sa <toll free number/TTY/TDD>.	Tagalog
মনোযোগ নামূল্যে ভাষা সহায়তা পরিষেবা এবং অন্যান্য সাহায্য আপনার জন্য উপলব্ধ। <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>-এ ফোন করুন।	Bengali
VINI RE: Për ju disponohen shërbime asistence gjuhësore dhe ndihma të tjera falas. Telefononi <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>.	Albanian
ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ: Υπηρεσίες γλωσσικής βοήθειας και άλλα βοηθήματα είναι στη διάθεσή σας, δωρεάν. Καλέστε στο <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>.	Greek
توجہ فرمائیں: زبان میں معاونت کی خدمات اور دیگر معاونتیں آپ کے لیے بلا معاوضہ دستیاب ہیں۔ کال کریں <toll free number> <TTY/TDD>۔	Urdu