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Revised DOH-4220, Access NY Health Care Application

This Alert is to advise Medicaid Providers, Hospitals, Client Representatives, Community Based Organizations, Managed Long-Term plans, Advocates, and Agencies assisting consumers in applying for Medicaid of the revision of the DOH-4220, "Access NY Health Care Application".

To accommodate certain policy updates and program changes, such as the requirement to apply for Medicare if age 65 or older, the requirement for pregnant individuals to provide an SSN if they have one, citizenship or immigration status, and to incorporate language changes that improve readability, the DOH-4220 required certain modifications.

Revisions that were made to the DOH-4220 are as follows:

- Images on the front and inside of the application were updated to reflect the Aged, Blind and Disabled population who predominantly use the DOH-4220.
- An optional section for applicants to list their preferred gender identity along with associated help text was added to Section B.
- Language regarding the requirement to apply for Medicare if age 65 and older was added to Section D. This alleviates the need for OHIP-0112, "You must Apply for Medicare," to be included with the application.
- Language indicating that it is optional for pregnant individuals to provide citizenship or immigration status; and the Terms, Rights and Responsibilities section was updated to remove language that states pregnant individuals are not required to provide an SSN. However, this is not a policy change. Pregnant consumers are not required to provide their SSN or citizenship/immigration status.
- A statement regarding the availability of the DOH-4220 in Alternative Formats was incorporated into section A. Therefore, the DOH-5130, "Notice Options Available to Applicants who May Be Blind or Visually Impaired" will no longer need to be included with the new revisions.
- A new paragraph "Accommodations" was added to the Terms, Rights and Responsibilities" section. This informs the applicant that the NY Medicaid program

provides free aid and services to people with disabilities to enable them to communicate effectively with the agency.

- A new paragraph “Notice of Nondiscrimination Policy” was added to the Terms, Rights and Responsibilities section. This addition informs the applicant that NYS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed/religion, sex, age, marital/family status, disability, arrest record, criminal conviction(s), gender identity, sexual orientations, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victims status and/or retaliation. In addition, language was added to provide applicants with contact information should they feel they have been discriminated against on any of these protected classes and wish to file a complaint.
- A question about receiving services from an Indian Health program was added to Section B to accommodate a future enhancement to the system.
- The term “Facilitated Enrollers” was replaced with the term “Assistors” throughout the application.
- The term “Food Stamps” was replaced with the current program name “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program (SNAP).
- The revision date of the DOH-4220 is August 2021. If an applicant submits an older version of the DOH-4220, the agency will continue to accept it, and not require the applicant to complete the newer application. In these situations, copies of the OHIP-0112 and DOH-5130 would need to be sent with the older application.

As previously stated in the December 28, 2021 Alert, the DOH-5178A, is the preferred Supplement A. As of March 1, 2022, the DOH-5178A will be the only Supplement A accepted with the DOH-4220 application.

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