



State of New Jersey
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

INITIAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 00953-26

Medicaid Only
Failure to Verify Eligibility Appeal
N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2 and -2.3

C.V. _____

Petitioner,

v.

Hudson County Department of
Family Services _____

Respondent.

For petitioner: C.V., pro se

For respondent: Nyesha Stiles, Caseworker, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1.1-5.4(a)(3)

BEFORE: Patrice E. Hobbs, _____, ALJ

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Respondent denied petitioner's Medicaid Only application for failure to provide the following evidence of eligibility under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e):

Petitioner failed to provide the necessary documents by November 5, 2025. Must the petitioner's application be denied? Yes. Respondent must have all necessary documentation to provide Medicaid under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e).

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

I.

- I **FIND** that petitioner or petitioner's representative is **AUTHORIZED** to pursue this appeal; therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that petitioner has **STANDING** to pursue this appeal.
- I **FIND** that petitioner or petitioner's representative is **NOT AUTHORIZED** to pursue this appeal; therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that petitioner has **NO STANDING** to pursue this appeal.

II.

- I **FIND** that petitioner did not provide all the necessary documentation under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e) and -2.3(a), and that no exceptional circumstances exist under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(c); therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that the Medicaid Only application must be **DENIED** under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e).
- I **FIND** that petitioner did not provide all the necessary documentation under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e) and -2.3(a), but that exceptional circumstances exist under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(c) (*note exceptional circumstances in "Additional Findings of Fact/Conclusions of Law"*); therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that the time limit for verification must be **EXTENDED** under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(c).
- I **FIND** that petitioner did not provide all the necessary documentation under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e) and -2.3(a); exceptional circumstances exist under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(c) (*note exceptional circumstances in "Additional Findings of Fact/Conclusions of Law"*); and petitioner has since provided all the necessary documentation; therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that the Medicaid Only application must be **PROCESSED** to determine eligibility under N.J.A.C. 10:71.

- I **FIND** that petitioner provided all the necessary documentation under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e) and -2.3(a); therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that the Medicaid Only application must be **PROCESSED** to determine eligibility under N.J.A.C. 10:71.

ADDITIONAL FINDINGS OF FACT/CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Petitioner filed an application for Medicaid dated February 13, 2025. On October 3, respondent sent petitioner a letter requesting that he provide the missing documentation by October 17, 2025. Respondent did not receive the requested documentation and sent a second letter dated October 22, 2025, requesting that the missing documentation be provided by November 5, 2025 (R-1). As of the date of the hearing, the documents were still not provided. The respondent needs the petitioners lease, a letter explaining the petitioner's self-employment or proof of income. Petitioner provided a letter explaining that the documents were provided to respondent. Petitioner's letter and documents (P-1) include bank statements for 2025. Petitioner stated that the documents were given to the respondent by hand delivery. Petitioner could not provide proof that the documents were provided to the respondent. It should be noted that the petitioner has submitted several new applications to the respondent. Currently, the petitioner has a December 2025 application pending that petitioner has stated has not been processed. Petitioner stated that he did have the missing documents to provide to respondent and would provide them to respondent.

I **FIND** that petitioner did not provide all the necessary documentation under N.J.A.C.10:71-2.2(e) and -2.3(a), and that no exceptional circumstances exist under N.J.A.C.10:71-2.3(c); therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that the Medicaid Only application must be **DENIED** under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e).

ORDER

I **ORDER** that:

- Petitioner's appeal is **DISMISSED** because petitioner has **NO STANDING**.
- Petitioner's Medicaid Only application is **DENIED** under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e).
- Respondent must **EXTEND** the time limit for verification under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(c).
- The case be **RETURNED** to respondent for respondent to **PROCESS** the application to determine eligibility under N.J.A.C. 10:71.

I **FILE** this initial decision with the **ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES**. This recommended decision is deemed adopted as the final agency decision under 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(e)(14)(A) and N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10(f). The **ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES** cannot reject or modify this decision.

If you disagree with this decision, you have the right to seek judicial review under New Jersey Court Rule 2:2-3 by the Appellate Division, Superior Court of New Jersey, Richard J. Hughes Complex, PO Box 006, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. A request for judicial review must be made within 45 days from the date you receive this decision. If you have any questions about an appeal to the Appellate Division, you may call (609) 815-2950.

March 3, 2026

DATE



Patrice E. Hobbs,

, ALJ

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APPENDIX

Witnesses

For Petitioner:

C.V., petitioner

For Respondent:

Nyesha Stiles

Exhibits

For Petitioner:

P-1 - Letter and attachments

For Respondent:

R-1 - Letters for Additional Information