

period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision in this matter is August 11, 2017, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10 which requires an Agency Head to adopt, reject, or modify the Initial Decision within 45 days of receipt. The Initial Decision in this matter was received on June 27, 2017.

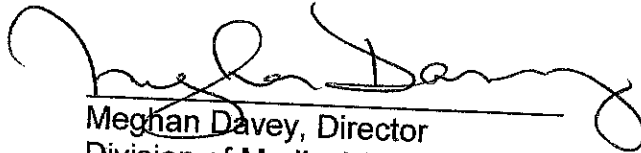
Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision in its entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. This matter concerns the July 10, 2015 denial of Petitioner's third application for Medicaid benefits due to the failure to provide financial verifications. The ALJ addressed two issues at the hearing. First, whether Petitioner provided the necessary verification for the Camden County Board of Social Services (CCBSS) to make an eligibility determination. Second, whether CCBSS, and not Petitioner, was required to procure the documents CCBSS needed to determine eligibility. The credible evidence in the record demonstrates that Petitioner failed to provide the needed information prior to the July 10, 2015 denial of benefits. Without this information, CCBSS was unable to complete its eligibility determination and the denial was appropriate.

Furthermore, both the County Welfare Agency (CWA) and the applicant have responsibilities with regard to the application process. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2. I agree with the ALJ that there is nothing in the state or federal law that either excuses Petitioner from her obligation to obtain documents needed to verify her eligibility or requires CCBSS to obtain documents not available through the AVS system.

THEREFORE, it is on this ^{29th} day of AUGUST 2017,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

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Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services