

By Initial Decision dated April 3, 2017, the ALJ dismissed the appeal as Petitioner failed to appear for the hearing or contact the court. The matter concerns the denial of a payment for the hospitalization of a Medicaid client. The ALJ recounted three separate attempts made to contact Morristown Memorial Medical Center to ascertain its legal status to determine who could represent it. See. N.J.A.C. 1:1-5.1. The first correspondence was sent January 5, 2017 and requested a response within 10 days. When none was forthcoming, a follow-up letter was sent on March 17, 2017 as well as a phone call on March 30, 2017. Morristown Memorial failed to respond.

Since then, there has been no correspondence regarding the legal status of Morristown Memorial's ability to appear in this matter. Thus, I agree with the ALJ's dismissal of this case but would add that this dismissal is with prejudice.

THEREFORE, it is on this ^{16th} day of APRIL 2017

ORDERED:

That Petitioner's request for a fair hearing is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE;
and

That the denial of payment based on utilization review is UPHELD.


Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services