



herein by reference. This matter concerns the October 11, 2018 denial of Petitioner's application due to the failure to provide requested verifications. The issue presented here is whether Petitioner provided the necessary verifications for the Bergen County Board of Social Services (BCBSS) to make an eligibility determination. In an attempt to determine Petitioner's eligibility in connection with her 2018 redetermination, Bergen County asked Petitioner to explain her stated monthly income of \$1750 which exceeded Petitioner's household limit of \$1397. Petitioner did not provide any explanation with regard to her income prior to the October 11, 2018 denial. It was not until the hearing that Petitioner explained that the \$1750 was spousal support, and claimed her ex-husband was delinquent in his payments. However, Petitioner provided no evidence to corroborate her assertions, and a monthly income of \$1750 would make her ineligible for benefits.


Without this information, BCBSS was unable to complete its eligibility determination and the denial was appropriate.

Based on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings and hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision.

THEREFORE, it is on this <sup>26th</sup> day of FEBRUARY 2019,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

  
Meghan Davey, Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services