



documentation necessary to determine eligibility. Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision in its entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. The issue presented here is whether Petitioner provided the necessary verifications for the MCBSS to make an eligibility determination. On July 6, 2022, Petitioner, through his Designated Authorized Representative (DAR), filed a Medicaid application with the MCBSS. The application included a February 20, 2019 Bank of America deposit for \$5,089 and a May 7, 2019 deposit for \$1,300. On July 26, 2022, MCBSS made requests for information necessary to determine Petitioner's eligibility including verification of the source of these two deposits. Petitioner did not provide the requested statements and MCBSS denied the application on August 11, 2022.

CWAs must determine eligibility for Aged cases within 45 days and Blind and Disabled cases within 90 days. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(a); MedCom No. 10-09, and Fed. Reg. 42 CFR 435.91. However, the time frame may be extended when "documented exceptional circumstances arise" preventing the processing of the application within the prescribed time limits. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(c). The regulation does not require MCBSS to grant an extension beyond the designated time period when the delay is due to circumstances outside the control of both the applicant and the CWA. At best, an extension is permissible. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3; S.D. vs. DMAHS and Bergen County Board of Social Services, No. A-5911-10 (App. Div. February 22, 2013).

Petitioner disclosed the information at issue on the application and was aware of his obligation to verify the deposits. The record contains no documented exceptional circumstance warranting an extension of time. Moreover, there is no evidence in the record that Petitioner requested additional time to provide the requested information. Accordingly, I FIND that MCBSS correctly denied Petitioner's July 2022 application for failing to provide information necessary to determine eligibility.

THEREFORE, it is on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of NOVEMBER 2022,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Langer Jacobs".

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Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner  
Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services