



State of New Jersey
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

INITIAL DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 10860-25

Medicaid Only
Excess Income Appeal
N.J.A.C. 10:71-5

E.M.

Petitioner,

v.

Middlesex County Board of
Social Services

Respondent.

For petitioner: E.M., Pro se

For respondent: Kurt Eichenlaub, HSS3

BEFORE: Judith Lieberman, ALJ

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Respondent denied petitioner's Medicaid Only application due to excess income under N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.6.

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's:

- (1) Earned income is \$ 1,523 (N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.2, -5.4)
- (2) Unearned income is \$ 970 (N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.2, -5.4)
- (3) Income exclusions total \$ 20 (N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.3)
- (4) Countable income totals \$ 2,473 (N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.4(b))
- (5) The applicable income eligibility standard is \$ 1,763 (N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.6)

III.

- ☒ I **CONCLUDE** that petitioner is over the applicable income limit and is therefore income **INELIGIBLE** for Medicaid Only benefits under N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.6.
- ☐ I **CONCLUDE** that petitioner is not over the applicable income limit and is therefore income **ELIGIBLE** for Medicaid Only benefits as of _____ (fill in date of eligibility) under N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.6.

ADDITIONAL FINDINGS OF FACT/CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

ORDER

I **ORDER** that:

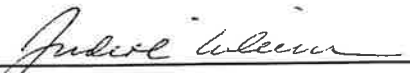
- ☐ Petitioner's appeal is **DISMISSED** because petitioner has **NO STANDING**.
- ☒ Petitioner is income **INELIGIBLE** for Medicaid Only benefits under N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.6.
- ☐ Petitioner is income **ELIGIBLE** for Medicaid Only benefits as of _____ under N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.6.

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.

October 21, 2025

DATE



Judith Lieberman, ALJ

09/30/2205

Date Record Closed:

10/21/2025

Date Filed with Agency:

Date Sent to Parties:

APPENDIX

Witnesses

For Petitioner:

E.M.

For Respondent:

Kurt Eichenlaub, HSS3

Exhibits

For Petitioner:

- P-1 2024 1040 tax return
- P-2 Bank statement, August 2025
- P-3 Bank statement, June - July 2025
- P-4 Hearing notice
- P-5 Bank statement, July - August 2025

For Respondent:

- R-A Renewal application
- R-B Termination notice
- R-C Requests for information
- R-D Bank statements
- R-E Income calculation and data, 2024 1040 tax return documents
- R-F Medicaid income limits