

is August 29, 2016, 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 the agency's receipt. The Initial Decision was received on July 14, 2016.

This matter arises from the denial of Petitioner's October 2015 Medicaid application for failing to provide documentation needed to determine eligibility. On October 27, 2015, Petitioner applied for Medicaid benefits. On January 4, 2016 and again on March 30, 2016, the Atlantic County Board of Social Services (ACBSS) requested additional verification of Petitioner's assets, specifically information regarding a bank account ending in 6097. Petitioner admittedly has access to this account but has not provided information regarding this account to the ACBSS. On April 19, 2016, ACBSS denied Petitioner's Medicaid application.

The only issue presented here is whether Petitioner provided the necessary verification for ACBSS to make an eligibility determination. The credible evidence in the record indicates that Petitioner failed to provide the needed information prior to the April 19, 2016 denial of benefits. Without this information, the County was unable to complete its eligibility determination and the denial was appropriate.

THEREFORE, it is on this *22nd* day of JULY 2016

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED. Petitioner's Medicaid application was properly denied for failure to provide necessary verification.



Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services