

October 30, 2017, 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 receipt. The Initial Decision in this matter was received on September 15, 2017.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby adopt the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge in their entirety and I incorporate the same herein by reference. This matter concerns the May 4, 2017 denial of Petitioner's application due to the failure to provide financial verifications. The issue presented here is whether Petitioner provided the necessary verification for Bergen County to make an eligibility determination. The credible evidence in the record demonstrates that Petitioner failed to provide the needed information prior to the May 4, 2017 denial of benefits. Without this information, the County was unable to complete its eligibility determination and the denial was appropriate.


Furthermore, I agree with the ALJ that the financial circumstances of this case, specifically resources in excess of \$350,000 and Petitioner's inability to rebut the presumption that cash withdrawals were for fair market value, warranted Bergen County's request for verifications.

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 ^{31st} day of OCTOBER 2017,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.


Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services