



December 10, 2019 denial (?) of Petitioner's Medicaid application for failure to provide verifications.

The issue presented here is whether Petitioner provided the necessary verifications for the ECBSS to make an eligibility determination. On or about November 11, 2019, the ECBSS conducted a redetermination of Petitioner's eligibility for Medicaid. At that time, ECBSS discovered three bank accounts associated with Petitioner's name. As a result, ECBSS requested twelve months of statements for bank accounts ending in #4605, #1580 and #7160. Petitioner is listed as Guardian/Conservator for his son on accounts #1580 and #7160. This information is confirmed in the bank notices provided to ECBSS. Absent additional reasoning for the necessity of these documents, the submission of bank letters confirming his status as guardian on the accounts sufficiently established they were not Petitioner's personal accounts, and therefore, required no additional documentation.

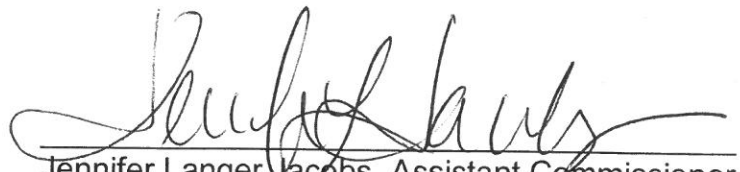
However, there still remains the issue of Petitioner's failure to provide documents with regard to his personal account #4605. Both the County Welfare Agency (CWA) and the applicant have responsibilities with regard to the application process. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2. The CWA exercises direct responsibility in the application process to inform applicants about the process, eligibility requirements and their right to a fair hearing; receive applications; assist applicants in exploring their eligibility; make known the appropriate resources and services; assure the prompt accurate submission of data; and promptly notify applicants of eligibility or ineligibility. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(c) and (d). Applicants must provide the CWA with verification requested. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2 (e).

The record here does not establish that ECBSS requested these documents from Petitioner, nor does it provide a time line by which he was to provide this information to the county. Furthermore, it is unclear if the documents in the record were provided to ECBSS prior to or during the hearing. Consequently, I cannot determine whether Petitioner timely provided or failed to provide the requested verifications.

THEREFORE, it is on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER 2020,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby REVERSED and the matter is REMANDED for further documentation with regard to ECBSS' requests for verifications and Petitioner's submissions and/or response.

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