

application with the Monmouth County Board of Social Services (MCBSS). On October 6 and 21, 2020, MCBSS issued requests for verifications necessary to determine eligibility. On October 22, 2020, Petitioner's representative requested additional time to provide the requested verifications. This request was denied. Petitioner rushed to provide the majority of the documents by the November 4, 2020 deadline, but was unable to completely fulfill the request. Despite Petitioner's demonstrated cooperation and request for an extension to provide the requested verifications, his Medicaid application was denied.

I agree with the ALJ that Petitioner's representative cooperated in good faith with MCBSS to provide the information necessary to determine eligibility and should have been afforded an extension of time to provide the needed documents. Therefore, I FIND that MCBSS should process Petitioner's July 2020 application to determine if he was eligible for Medicaid benefits. This Final Agency Decision should not be construed as making any findings regarding Petitioner's eligibility.

THEREFORE, it is on this ^{22nd} day of APRIL 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



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