



based upon her monthly Social Security income in the amount of \$1,077 and a monthly pension payment in the amount of \$167.67. R-2, R-3, and R-4. In 2019, the income limit was \$1,041. See Medicaid Communication No. 19-03. As such, Petitioner's application for benefits was denied.

The Initial Decision upheld the denial, as Petitioner's income exceeded the income limit for her to qualify for Medicaid, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.6.<sup>1</sup> I concur. Petitioner does not disagree with the income calculation, but claims that she needs assistance, in addition to her Medicare coverage, to meet her medical needs. ID at 2. I note that the Office of Community Choice Options (OCCO) also reviewed Petitioner's application and denied clinical eligibility for Petitioner. Ibid.

After reviewing the record, I agree that Petitioner's application was properly denied. Moreover, the Initial Decision reflects that Petitioner has been provided with information to request a new assessment if her medical conditions change. Petitioner may also contact NJSave at 1-800-792-9745 or [www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/njsave/](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/doas/services/njsave/) for information on help available to low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities for Medicare premiums, prescription costs, and other living expenses. Thus, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision and uphold HCDFS's denial of Petitioner's application for Medicaid due to excess income.

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<sup>1</sup> I note that the hearing in this matter took place in December 2020, and the ALJ discussed Petitioner's current income at that time of the hearing, which was \$1,261.67, based upon an increase in Petitioner's Social Security income to \$1,094. However, the denial of Petitioner's application was based upon her 2019 monthly income of \$1,244.67. Either way, Petitioner's monthly income exceeded the income limit for both 2019 and 2020. See Medicaid Communication No. 19-03 (showing that the income limit for 2019 was \$1,041) and Medicaid Communication No. 20-02 (showing that the income limit for 2020 was \$1,064).

THEREFORE, it is on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



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Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner  
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