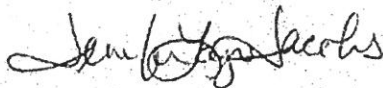


This matter arises from the denial of Petitioner's Medicaid application due the failure to provide information that was necessary to determine eligibility. Based upon my review of the record and for the reasons set forth in the Initial Decision, I hereby ADOPT the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and FIND that Petitioner had demonstrated exceptional circumstances in this matter and additional time to respond to Union County's request for information is warranted. Accordingly, the Initial Decision of the OAL is ADOPTED as the Final Agency Decision in this matter and the matter is RETURNED to Union County to process Petitioner's application in accordance with this decision and the Initial Decision.

THEREFORE, it is on this 14th day of AUGUST 2023,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



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