



deadline of January 28, 2018 to provide missing documents. R-1 at 12. On January 29, 2018, Cumberland County sent a notice of delayed action detailing the missing information and gave a new deadline of February 7, 2018. R-1 at 13. The second notice of delayed action was issued on February 1, 2018 with a same deadline of February 7, 2018. R-1 at 14. At this point Senior Planning Services called about the status of the application and stated that the employee assigned to the case was out on maternity leave. Some information was provided but on March 2, 2018, Cumberland County issued a third notice of delayed action with a final deadline of March 13, 2018. R-1 at 15. The documents were not provided by that date and the application was denied by letter dated March 27, 2018.

Both Cumberland County and the applicant have responsibilities with regard to the application process. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2. Cumberland County as the County Welfare Agency (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 and 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 any verification requested. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2 (e) provides:

As a participant in the application process, an applicant shall:

1. Complete, with assistance from the CWA if needed, any forms required by the CWA as a part of the application process;
2. Assist the CWA in securing evidence that corroborates his or her statements; and
3. Report promptly any change affecting his or her circumstances.

[Emphasis supplied].

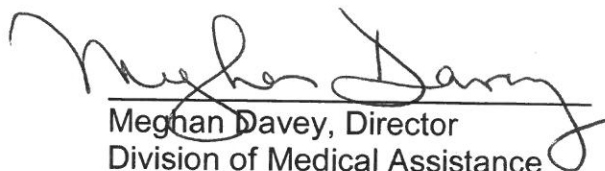
Additionally, N.J.A.C. 10:71-3.1(b) requires the applicant to substantiate her application with corroborative evidence from pertinent sources in support of her application for eligibility.

I agree with the ALJ that the record here supports the denial of the application. The documentation that was provided demonstrates that Petitioner was over resources. Moreover, the updated balances on the known and unknown accounts were not provided to establish current eligibility. Senior Planning Services sought to establish eligibility in January 2018 as it knew Petitioner was over resource in December 2017. However, it neither provided the updated balances nor responded to the requests by Cumberland County for this information. Thus, I FIND that Petitioner's application was properly denied. I note that she has reapplied.

THEREFORE, it is on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of AUGUST 2018,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

  
Meghan Davey, Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services