


Medicaid application with the Union County Board of Social Services (UCBSS). On September 2, September 15, October 8, December 2, 2021, UCBSS issued requests for verifications. Petitioner responded to the requests. On January 24, 2022, UCBSS sent an additional request for information to be provided by February 3, 2022. Petitioner communicated that she would not be able to send the documents via email by February 3, 2022. It appears from the testimony that Petitioner was afforded additional time to provide the requested information although the amount of time is unclear. Within a week, on February 10, 2022, Petitioner sent all of the information express mail to UCBSS. Nevertheless, her Medicaid application was denied.

I agree with the ALJ that Petitioner's representative cooperated in good faith with UCBSS 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 UCBSS should process Petitioner's August 2021 application to determine if she 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 ^{15th} day of JULY 2022,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



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