

## State of New Jersey OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

## **INITIAL DECISION**

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 10334-24

G.T.

Petitioner,

V.

DMAHS

Respondent.

Medicaid Only Failure to Verify Eligibility Appeal N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2 and -2.3

### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Respondent terminated petitioner's Medicaid benefits for failure to provide the following evidence of eligibility under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e):

Failure to provide signature for renewal application.

Petitioner was sent termination notice effective 10/31/23.

Petitioner submitted signature; received by DMAHS on 10/30/23.

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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- ✓ I **FIND** that petitioner or petitioner's representative is **AUTHORIZED** to pursue this appeal; therefore, I **CONCLUDE** that standing has been established.
  - I **FIND** that petitioner or petitioner's representative is **NOT AUTHORIZED** to pursue this appeal; therefore, **I CONCLUDE** that standing has not been established.
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- I FIND that petitioner did not timely provide all the required documentation under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e) and -2.3(a), and that no exceptional circumstances exist under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(c); therefore, I CONCLUDE that the Medicaid Only application should be DENIED under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e).
- I FIND that petitioner did not timely provide all the required documentation under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e) and -2.3(a), but that exceptional circumstances exist under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(c); therefore, I CONCLUDE that the time limit for verification should be EXTENDED under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(c).
- I FIND that petitioner did not timely provide all the required documentation under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e) and -2.3(a); exceptional circumstances exist under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(c); and petitioner has since provided all the required documentation; therefore, I CONCLUDE that the Medicaid Only application should be PROCESSED to determine eligibility under N.J.A.C. 10:71.
- ✓ I FIND that petitioner timely provided all the required documentation under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e) and -2.3(a); therefore, I CONCLUDE that the Medicaid Only application should be **PROCESSED** to determine eligibility under N.J.A.C. 10:71.

### ADDITIONAL FINDINGS OF FACT/CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

### ORDER

### I ORDER that:

Petitioner's appeal is **DISMISSED** because petitioner has no standing.

Petitioner is INELIGIBLE for Medicaid Only under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e).

Respondent must **EXTEND** the time limit for verification under N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(c).

The case be **RETURNED** to respondent for respondent to **PROCESS** the application to determine eligibility under N.J.A.C. 10:71.

I FILE this initial decision with the ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES. This recommended decision is deemed adopted as the final agency decision under 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(e)(14)(A) and N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10(f). The ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES cannot reject or modify this decision.

If you disagree with this decision, you have the right to seek judicial review under New Jersey Court Rule 2:2-3 by the Appellate Division, Superior Court of New Jersey, Richard J. Hughes Complex, PO Box 006, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. A request for judicial review must be made within 45 days from the date you receive this decision. If you have any questions about an appeal to the Appellate Division, you may call (609) 815-2950.

11/07/2024 DATE

Javin Shrah. Shah

, ALJ

Date Record Closed:

10/17/2024

Date Filed with Agency:

Date Sent to Parties:

# APPENDIX

# **Witnesses**

### For Petitioner:

G.T.

# For Respondent:

Judith Coles, Program Support Specialist 2

### **Exhibits**

# For Petitioner: None

### For Respondent:

R-A Renewal application letter, sent June 19, 2023

R-B Renewal application, received July 11, 2023

R-C Application received letter, sent July 11, 2023

R-D Supporting documents, received July 18, 2023

R-E Missing information letter, sent July 19, 2023

R-F Supporting documents, received July 21, 2023

R-G Terming eligibility notice, dated September 2, 2023

R-H Terming eligibility notice, dated October 2, 2023

R-I Eligibility outcome letter, sent October 19, 2023

R-J Fair hearing request, received October 30, 2023

R-K Fair hearing acknowledgment letter, sent November 8, 2023

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# Exhibit list for respondent, continued:

- R-L Enrollment confirmation letter, dated November 17, 2023
- R-M Missing information letter, sent December 6, 2023
- R-N Supporting documents, received December 26, 2023