

Decision is July 1, 2024, in accordance with an Order of Extension.

This matter arises from the September 19, 2023 termination of Medicaid Only benefits due to excess income. (R-5). The County Board of Social Services (Ocean County) determined that Petitioner's monthly income of \$2,885.78 exceeded the monthly program limit of \$1,677, and accordingly Petitioner was ineligible for Medicaid. (R-2, R-4). There is nothing in the record demonstrating that Petitioner disputes the income determination.

The Initial Decision upheld the termination, as Petitioner's income exceeded the income limit to qualify for Medicaid, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.6. I concur. Countable income is determined by adding the applicant's nonexempt unearned income (less appropriate exclusions) to the applicant's earned income (less appropriate exclusions). N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.2(a). Any income not specifically excluded under the provisions of N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.3 shall be included in the determination of countable income. N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.4(a).

The undisputed evidence in the record indicates that Petitioner's monthly income of \$2,885.78 exceeds the maximum income limit. Petitioner's income is comprised of employment income as verified through a letter from Petitioner's employer confirming Petitioner receives \$18.00 an hour and works 37 hours a week. (R-3). Petitioner's income was also confirmed on the DOVE wage report. (R-4). There is no authority that permits the relaxation or waiver of income limits in any individual cases.

Thus, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision and uphold Ocean County's termination of Petitioner's Medicaid benefits due to excess income.

THEREFORE, it is on this 24th day of JUNE 2024,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Gregory Woods

Gregory Woods, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Medical Assistance and Health
Services