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S.Z., :
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PETITIONER, : ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
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v. : FINAL AGENCY DECISION
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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE : OAL DKT. NO. HMA 7724-2015
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AND HEALTH SERVICES AND :
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PASSIAC COUNTY BOARD OF :
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SOCIAL SERVICES, :
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RESPONDENTS. :

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the Initial Decision, the OAL case file and the documents in evidence. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision in this matter is October 19, 2015 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10 which requires an Agency Head to adopt, reject, or modify the Initial Decision within 45 days of receipt. The Initial Decision in this matter was received on September 4, 2015.

The case concerns the termination of Petitioner's Medicaid benefits due to excess income. I agree with the Initial Decision that Petitioner's countable income exceeds the Medicaid standard. I cannot discern from the record if Petitioner is eligible under the Medically Needy Program. That eligibility category uses unpaid medical bills to reduce income to establish eligibility. N.J.A.C. 10:70-6.2. Eligibility under this program is usually interrupted and a beneficiary will be on and off the program as bills and income levels fluctuate. However, Petitioner may present those bills or be reviewed for other programs as his situation has now changed.

Based on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings. Petitioner should contact Passaic County Board of Social Services to provide additional documentation needed to determine if he is eligible under Medically Needy. Thus, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision.

THEREFORE, it is on this ^{17th} day of OCTOBER 2015

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



Valerie Harr, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services