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AND HEALTH SERVICES**

H.M.,	:	
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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 04381-14
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AND HEALTH SERVICES AND :	:	
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SUSSEX 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 and the documents in evidence. Neither Party filed exceptions. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision in this matter is December 29, 2014 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. This Initial Decision in this matter was received on November 14, 2014.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision in its entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. This appeal stems from the denial of Petitioner's October 2013 Medicaid application for failing to provide documentation needed to determine eligibility. ALJ Celentano found that all information requested by the Sussex County Board of Social Services (SCBSS) was provided prior to the issuance of the denial. Specifically, that the December 11, 2013 letter from the Motion Picture Industry regarding the status of Petitioner's election of benefits was a sufficient response to SCBSS' request for verifications. Nothing in the record below contradicts this finding. If the available information needed to be further developed, another request and additional time should have been provided to the Petitioner.

Thus, I FIND that Sussex County should process Petitioner's October 2013 application to determine if he 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 23rd day of DECEMBER, 2014

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED; and

That this matter is returned to the Sussex County Division of Social Services to process Petitioner's eligibility in accordance with this Final Agency Decision.


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