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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES

J.F.,

PETITIONER,

v.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES AND
CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF
SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 09678-14;
HMA 17109-14

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 April 20, 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. This Initial Decision in this matter was received on March 6, 2015.

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 March 2014 and July 2014 Medicaid applications for failing to provide documentation needed to determine eligibility. ALJ Gorman found that Petitioner's circumstances were exceptional pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3 and warranted an extension of time to provide documentation. Due to the unique facts and circumstances presented here, I agree with the ALJ that Cumberland County re-evaluate Petitioner's eligibility as of the March 2014 application date.

Thus, I FIND that Cumberland County should process Petitioner's March 2014 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 ^{2nd} day of APRIL 2015

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED; and

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



Valerie Harr, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services