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PETITIONER,

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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FINAL AGENCY DECISION

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 2973-16

RESPONDENTS.

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS), I have reviewed the record in this matter, consisting of the Initial Decision, the documents in evidence and the entire contents of the OAL case file. No exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is July 7, 2016 in

accordance with an Order of Extension. The Initial Decision was received on April 8, 2016.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the recommended decision of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) dismissing Petitioner's appeal regarding the denial of his Medicaid application. This matter was transmitted to OAL on February 23, 2016 and scheduled for a hearing on April 8, 2016. Prior to the start of the scheduled hearing, Petitioner left the hearing room without explanation and did not return. Furthermore, Petitioner could not be located in the waiting area outside of the hearing room. After Petitioner failed to appear at the April 8, 2016 hearing, the ALJ dismissed Petitioner's appeal. Since then, there had been no correspondence from Petitioner regarding his failure to appear at the hearing. Thus, I agree with the ALJ's dismissal of the case. See N.J.A.C. 1:1-14.4.

THEREFORE, it is on this 25 H day of MAY 2016,

ORDERED:

That Initial Decision dismissing the appeal is hereby ADOPTED.

Meghan Davey, Director ()
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services