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

E.F.,

PETITIONER,

v.

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

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 09216-16

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 May

4, 2017 in accordance with an Order of Extension. The Initial Decision in this matter was received on February 3, 2017.


This matter concerns the May 13, 2016 denial of Petitioner's application due to the failure to provide financial verifications. The only issue presented here is whether Petitioner provided the necessary verification for Essex County to make an eligibility determination. The credible evidence in the record demonstrates that Petitioner failed to provide the needed information prior to the May 13, 2016 denial of benefits. As noted by the ALJ, Essex County afforded Respondent the opportunity to comply with its document request subsequent to its May 13, 2016 denial letter. However, Petitioner was still unable to fully comply with Essex County's request for documents and verification. Without this information, the County was unable to complete its eligibility determination and the denial was appropriate.

Based on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings and hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision.

THEREFORE, it is on this ^{3rd} day of APRIL 2017,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.


Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services