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

J.H.,

PETITIONER,

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION** 

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FINAL AGENCY DECISION

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 16936-2016

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

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 filed below. No exceptions were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is February 6, 2017, 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 was received on December 22, 2016.

The matter arises regarding the notice of overpayments due to Petitioner not being eligible for Medicaid benefits from October 2015 through August 2016. Mercer County Board of Social Services found Petitioner had started employment at the end of 2015 which continued through August 2016. This employment raised Petitioner's income above the income limit. At the hearing Mercer County determined that the overpayments should not include July and August 2016 and reduced the overpayment amount to \$4,714.22.

The Initial Decision held that Petitioner's income did render her ineligible from October 2015 through June 2016 and upheld the imposition of the overpayment. I have reviewed the record and concur. Petitioner's income clearly exceeded the income standard during this time period.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4D-7.i, the recovery of \$4,714.22 is affirmed.

THEREFORE, it is on this 20day of JANUARY 2017,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED in its entirety.

Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance

and Health Services

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Petitioner claims she was unable to contact Mercer County to inform them of her job due to her work location. I note that CWAs are open late one night a week. Additionally, Mercer County has an email specifically for reporting changes mcbosschanges@xbp.dhs.state.nj.us.