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AND HEALTH SERVICES

A.L.,

PETITIONER,

v.

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 16913-2017

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the OAL case file and the Initial Decision. Exceptions were filed by Petitioner A.L. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is February 22, 2018, 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 January 8, 2018.

This matter arises from the denial of A.L.'s application for Medicaid benefits. The application was denied because A.L. and her spouse's income exceeded the eligibility limit.


A.L. requested a fair hearing. A representative of the Union County Board of Social Services as well as A.L. appeared for the hearing. Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, in an Initial Decision dated January 8, 2018, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) found that A.L.'s monthly household income exceeded the monthly household income limit set forth by N.J.A.C.10:72-4.1 and thus concluded that A.L. was not eligible for Medicaid due to excess income. A.L. filed Exceptions to the ALJ's Initial Decision. In the Exceptions, A.L. requested reconsideration of the Initial Decision based on changed personal circumstances. However, A.L. did not dispute that the calculation of the monthly household income was correct.

Based on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings and hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision without change. A.L. should contact the Union County Board of Social Services in order to determine whether, based on changed circumstances, A.L. might qualify for Medically Needy benefits.

THEREFORE, it is on this ^{16th} day of FEBRUARY 2018,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.


Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services