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

H.M.,

PETITIONER,

v.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

HUDSON COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 17135-17

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the Initial Decision, the documents in evidence and Petitioner's exceptions. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision in this matter is July 16, 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 the agency's receipt. The Initial Decision in this matter was received on April 17,

2018.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision in its entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. This matter concerns the October 20, 2017 denial of Petitioner's Medicaid benefits due to the failure to provide documentation in connection with his Medicaid application. The issue presented here is whether Petitioner provided the necessary verification for the Hudson County Board of Social Services (HCBSS) to make an eligibility determination.

HCBSS requested that Petitioner provide a state issued ID and a Medicare card in connection with his Medicaid application. As of the October 20, 2017 denial, Petitioner had provided neither of these documents. In exceptions, Petitioner argues that he should have been approved for Medicaid and then given additional time, specifically 6 months, to provide proof of his citizenship. The record shows that HCBSS requested a state issued identification. It does not reflect a request for proof of citizenship. Furthermore, Petitioner did not provide a copy of his Medicare card. In fact, Petitioner had not provided a copy of either of these requested items by the time of the Office of Administrative Law hearing.

The credible evidence in the record demonstrates that Petitioner failed to provide the needed information prior to the October 2017 denial of benefits. Without this information, the HCBSS was unable to complete its eligibility determination and the denial was appropriate.

THEREFORE, it is on this ^{20th} day of JUNE 2018,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services