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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES

J.A.S.,

PETITIONER,

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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 17229-17

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 August 6, 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 in this matter was received on June 22, 2018.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby adopt the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge in their entirety and I incorporate the same herein by reference. This matter concerns the October 25, 2017 denial of Petitioner's applications due to the failure to provide financial verifications. The issue presented here is whether Petitioner provided the necessary verifications for Middlesex County to make an eligibility determination. The credible evidence in the record demonstrates that Petitioner failed to provide the needed information prior to the October 25, 2017 denial of benefits. 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 day of AUGUST 2018,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Meghan Davey, Director

Division of Medical Assistance

and Health Services