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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
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A.G.,

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 2062-2020

As Assistant Commissioner 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. Neither party filed exceptions in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is September 11, 2020 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 July 28, 2020.

The matter arises regarding the December 2019 denial of Medicaid benefits for Petitioner and his wife due to excess income. Essex County determined that Petitioner's household received unemployment benefits totaling \$2,794 a month. In 2019, the income limit was \$1,945. See Medicaid Communication No.19-03. As such, benefits were denied.

The Initial Decision upheld the denial and found that Petitioner's income exceed the threshold for 2019 and in 2020 when the amount increased to \$1,983. Petitioner stated his unemployment benefits would be ending. Essex County advised him to reapply at that time.

Thus, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision and uphold Essex County's denial of Petitioner's application for Medicaid due to excess income. If Petitioner's income changes, he can reapply for benefits.

THEREFORE, it is on this / day of SEPTEMBER 2020,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner

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and Health Services