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

M.W.,

PETITIONER,

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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**FINAL AGENCY DECISION** 

**OAL DKT. NO. HMA 16611-19** 

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF** 

SOCIAL SERVICES.

RESPONDENTS.

As Assistant Commissioner for 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 June 2, 2020, in accordance with an Order of Extension. This Initial Decision in this matter was received on March 4, 2020.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision in its entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. This appeal stems from the Essex County Board of Social Services' (ECBSS) notice of denial issued to Petitioner for failing to provide documentation needed to complete an eligibility determination. At the hearing, ECBSS was unable to document the request for information in connection with Petitioner's application. There is simply nothing in the record below to support the denial of Petitioner's Medicaid benefits for failure to provide the necessary verifications.

Thus, I FIND that ECBSS should process Petitioner's application to determine if she is eligible for continued Medicaid benefits. This Final Agency Decision should not be construed as making any findings regarding Petitioner's eligibility.

THEREFORE, it is on this day of MAY 2020,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED; and

That this matter is returned to the ECBSS to determine Petitioner's eligibility in accordance with this Final Agency Decision.

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner

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and Health Services