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

N.K., PETITIONER, v. FINAL AGENCY DECISION OAL DKT. NO. HMA 00555-20 MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES, RESPONDENTS.

As the Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this matter, consisting of the Initial Decision, the documents in evidence and the contents of the OAL case file. No exceptions were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is July 7, 2020 in accordance with and Order of Extension. The Initial Decision was received on April 7, 2020. This matter arises from the Middlesex County Board of Social Services' (MCBSS) December 6, 2019 denial of Petitioner's Medicaid application for failure to provide verifications.

PHILIP D. MURPHY Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor The issue presented here is whether Petitioner provided the necessary verifications for the MCBSS to make an eligibility determination. On September 27, 2019, Petitioner applied for Medicaid benefits. On October 3, October 23, November 6 and November 21, 2019, MCBSS requested that Petitioner provide information necessary to determine eligibility. The verifications were due by December 4, 2019. The credible evidence in the record indicates that Petitioner failed to provide the needed information prior to the December 4, 2019 deadline or the December 6, 2019 denial of benefits. Without this information, MCBSS 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 7^{4} day of MAY 2020,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner Division of Medical Assistance And Health Services