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

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PETITIONER,	:
V.	: :
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	:
AND HEALTH SERVICES AND	:
MORRIS COUNTY BOARD OF	:
SOCIAL SERVICES,	:
RESPONDENTS.	:

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FINAL AGENCY DECISION OAL DKT. NO. HMA 4563-2020

As Assistant Commissioner for 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. No exceptions were filed in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is September 8, 2020 in accordance with an Order of Extension. The matter arises regarding the denial of Petitioner's January 2020 application for Medicaid. Petitioner earns \$300.80 a month. His wife, with whom he resides, is employed and presented pay stubs that set her gross monthly income at \$2,409.31. N.J.A.C. 10:71-5.2. After applying the applicable disregards, only \$1,172.16 or half his spouse's income is used for Medicaid purposes. Thus, his countable income is \$1,452.76 which is above the income limit of \$1,437 for a couple and Morris County denied the case.

The Initial Decision upholds the denial and I concur. Petitioner's income at the time of application was calculated correctly with all the applicable disregards. If Petitioner's wife's income has changed, he can reapply.

THEREFORE, it is on this $\mathcal{A} \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{H}}$ day of JULY 2020,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

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