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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES

R.Y.,

PETITIONER,

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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:
AND HEALTH SERVICES AND
ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF
SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

AMENDED FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 4658-2020

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 December 21, 2020 in accordance with an Order of Extension.

The matter arises regarding the March 2020 denial of Medicaid benefits for Petitioner due to excess income. Essex County determined that Petitioner's household was comprised of herself and her husband and received disability benefit income totaling \$2,585.20 a month. In 2020, the income limit was \$1,437. See Medicaid Communication No.20-02. As such, benefits were denied.

The Initial Decision upheld the denial and found that Petitioner's income exceed the threshold for 2020. Petitioner, through her daughter, does not disagree with the income calculation but claims that she has medical expenses that she is unable to afford.

After reviewing the record, I agree that Petitioner's application was properly denied. Petitioner may be eligible for the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program by calling 1-800-792-9745. Thus, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision and uphold Essex County's denial of Petitioner's application for Medicaid due to excess income.

THEREFORE, it is on this day of DECEMBER 2020,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner Division of Medical Assistance

and Health Services