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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
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H.W.,

PETITIONER,

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

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OAL DKT. NO. HMA 01651-22

UNION 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 matter, consisting of the Initial Decision, the documents in evidence and the entire contents of the OAL case file. Neither party filed exceptions. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision is June 29, 2022 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 June 14, 2022.

This matter concerns the February 7, 2022 denial of Petitioner's Medicaid application due to the failure to provide requested verifications. On August 19, 2021, Petitioner filed a

Medicaid application with the Union County Board of Social Services (UCBSS). On

September 2, September 15, October 8, December 2, 2021, UCBSS issued requests for

verifications. Petitioner responded to the requests. On January 24, 2022, UCBSS sent an

additional request for information to be provided by February 3, 2022. Petitioner

communicated that she would not be able to send the documents via email by February 3,

2022. It appears from the testimony that Petitioner was afforded additional time to provide

the requested information although the amount of time is unclear. Within a week, on

February 10, 2022, Petitioner sent all of the information express mail to UCBSS.

Nevertheless, her Medicaid application was denied.

I agree with the ALJ that Petitioner's representative cooperated in good faith with

UCBSS to provide the information necessary to determine eligibility and should have been

afforded an extension of time to provide the needed documents. Therefore, I FIND that

UCBSS should process Petitioner's August 2021 application to determine if she was eligible

for Medicaid benefits. This Final Agency Decision should not be construed as making any

findings regarding Petitioner's eligibility.

THEREFORE, it is on this 15th day of JULY 2022,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner

Division of Medical Assistance

And Health Services