

modify the Initial Decision within 45 days of receipt. The Initial Decision was received on March 19, 2024.

This matter arises from the denial of Petitioner's Medicaid benefits due to being over the income limit to qualify for benefits.¹ Based upon my review of the record and for the reasons set forth in the Initial Decision, I hereby ADOPT the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and FIND that the Monmouth County Division of Social Services properly denied Petitioner's Medicaid benefits in this matter due to being over the income limit to qualify for benefits. I additionally FIND that Petitioner abandoned her appeal when she purposely disconnected from the scheduled hearing in this matter. Accordingly, the Initial Decision of the OAL is ADOPTED as the Final Agency Decision in this matter.

THEREFORE, it is on this 1st day of MAY 2024,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



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

¹ The Initial Decision referenced Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. However, this appears to be a typographical error, as the benefits at issue in this matter are Medicaid benefits, not SNAP benefits. Regardless, the Initial Decision's determination that Petitioner did not qualify for benefits as a result of her household exceeding the income level to qualify for benefits was correct.