

modify the Initial Decision within 45 days of receipt. The Initial Decision was received on February 7, 2024.

This matter arises from the denial of Petitioner's Medicaid application due to her failure to provide information that was necessary to determine eligibility. Petitioner appealed the denial and the matter was transmitted to the OAL for a fair hearing, which was scheduled for July 29, 2022. At the scheduled hearing, Petitioner's Designated Authorized Representative (DAR) requested that the matter be adjourned and rescheduled, as he was not aware that there was a second bank account at issue and he needed time to investigate the matter. ID at 2. The hearing was rescheduled for August 26, 2022 and again, adjourned at the request of Petitioner's DAR. Ibid. At a status conference held on October 7, 2022, Petitioner's DAR indicated that a Motion to Dismiss would be filed. Ibid. Neither party has contacted the OAL since that status conference. Ibid.

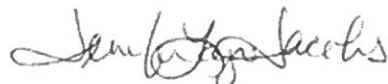
By Initial Decision dated February 3, 2024, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) concluded that Petitioner's appeal should be dismissed.

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 ALJ and FIND that Petitioner has abandoned her appeal in this matter. Accordingly, the Initial Decision of the OAL is ADOPTED as the Final Agency Decision in this matter and the matter is dismissed.

THEREFORE, it is on this 11th day of MARCH 2024,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



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