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

A.A-G.,

PETITIONER,

v.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

**FINAL AGENCY DECISION**

**OAL DKT. NO. HMA 912-2106**

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As Director 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. No exceptions were filed in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision in this matter is May 26, 2016 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 in this matter was received on April 11, 2016.

The matter arises regarding the denial of Petitioner's Medicaid application. Somerset County requested bank account statements from Petitioner in November 2015. She produced a letter from the bank with account balances from October 31, 2015 and November 6, 2015 for two accounts. Somerset County denied the application for failure to provide bank statements.

The Initial Decision upheld the denial finding that Petitioner would need to produce bank statements as the summary balances were not sufficient. As the ALJ noted the bank statements are used to determine if there is any unreported income or resources. This cannot be shown with a summary of balances on two distinct dates. Petitioner's use of online banking should make this easier as she can retrieve up-to-date accountings by logging in. It is unclear why she did not use this method for complying with Somerset County's request.

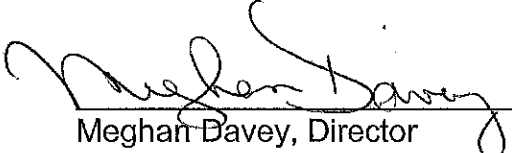
Thus, I concur with the Initial Decision's findings that the denial by Somerset County was warranted. Petitioner may always reapply and seek retroactive benefits.

THEREFORE, it is on this <sup>12<sup>th</sup></sup> day of MAY 2016,

ORDERED:

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That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

  
Meghan Davey, Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services