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

E.M.,

PETITIONER,

v.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE :

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND :

OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF :

SOCIAL SERVICES, :

RESPONDENTS. :

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

**FINAL AGENCY DECISION**

**OAL DKT. NO. HMA 14679-15**

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the Initial Decision and the documents in evidence. Neither party filed exceptions. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision in this matter is

September 18, 2017, 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 September 6, 2017.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby adopt the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge in their entirety and I incorporate the same herein by reference. A request for fair hearing in this matter was initially prompted by the September 5, 2014 denial of Petitioner's application due to the failure to provide financial verifications, specifically the failure to Petitioner to provide special needs trust account information. The credible evidence in the record demonstrates that Petitioner failed to provide the needed information prior to the denial of benefits. Without this information, the County was unable to complete its eligibility determination and the denial was appropriate.

Based on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings and hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision.

THEREFORE, it is on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER 2017,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

*Weede* *James R. Acting Director* *ORD*  
*Meghan Davey*  
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Meghan Davey, Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services