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

A.B.,

PETITIONER.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

V.

ORDER OF REMAND

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 14697-2017

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

GLOUCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

As Director of 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 contents of the OAL case file. Petitioner filed exceptions to the Initial Decision. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is March 12, 2018 in accordance with and Order of Extension.

This matter concerns the denial of Petitioner's application for Medicaid benefits filed on June 29, 2017. The matter below was decided on cross Motions for Summary

Decision. The Initial Decision held that Petitioner's application had been properly denied due to failure to provide documentation.

In exceptions, Petitioner's counsel avers that he submitted a reply to Gloucester County's motion that was either not received or not considered below. The reply, dated November 28, 2017, is not part of the OAL record. The record closed on December 12, 2017.

As it appears Petitioner's reply letter was not considered, I hereby REMAND the matter to OAL for findings on the filing of the reply and, if it should have been considered, any effect the reply has in the matter.

THEREFORE, it is on this day of MARCH 2018,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby REVERSED; and

That the matter is REMANDED to OAL for further findings as stated above.

Meghan Davey, Director

Division of Medical Assistance

and Health Services