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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES

W.M.,

PETITIONER.

v

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

HUDSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT

OF FAMILY SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 12671-2018

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the OAL case file and the Initial Decision - Dismissal. No Exceptions were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is November 15, 2018, 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 was received on October 1, 2018.

This matter arises from the termination of Petitioner W.M.'s Medicaid benefits by Respondent Hudson County because of Petitioner's excess income. Prior to the scheduled hearing date, Petitioner submitted a letter to the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) requesting that the ALJ dismiss and cancel the hearing as Petitioner had received a more detailed explanation from the County as to why Medicaid benefits had been terminated. The ALJ therefore concluded that the matter was no longer a contested case before the Office of Administrative Law and, by Initial Decision dated October 1, 2018, ordered that the matter be dismissed.

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

THEREFORE, it is on this day of OCTOBER 2018,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision dismissing Petitioner's appeal in this matter is hereby ADOPTED.

Meghan Davey, Director

Division of Medical Assistance

and Health Services