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G.M.,

PETITIONER.

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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 493-2019

As Assistant Commissioner for 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. Neither party filed exceptions in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is August 26, 2019 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 the agency's receipt. The Initial Decision was received on July 12, 2019.

The matter arises regarding the denial of Petitioner's Medicaid application due to the failure to provide information regarding withdrawals from and deposits into her bank

account. Petitioner applied in January of 2018. From April to December 2013 Petitioner's account showed several automated withdrawals and deposits from "UNITEDCAPTIA CRE UNITED CAP" (UCC). R-3 at 23. Camden County asked for verifications regarding these transactions. Petitioner, who through her Power of Attorney (POA) had appointed Senior Planning Services as her Designated Authorized Representative (DAR), was unable to provide information. As a result, Petitioner's application was denied.

The Initial Decision upholds the denial and I concur. Both the County Welfare Agency (CWA) and the applicant have responsibilities with regard to the application process. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2. Applicants must complete any forms required by the CWA; assist the CWA in securing evidence that corroborates his or her statements; and promptly report any change affecting his or her circumstance. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(e).

The evidence provided by Petitioner regarding the UCC transactions is circumstantial at best. As noted, there was no testimony by the DAR or the POA about the efforts made to uncover the nature of the transactions. The DAR did produce a letter at the hearing regarding UCC but it does not support their theory of the case. An attorney that previously represented Petitioner in a debt action and, despite an "extensive list of creditor and collection agency names", has no knowledge of UCC. P-9. The allegation that UCC was a collection company that "scammed" Petitioner is also unsupported. According to the DAR's calculations, UCC netted \$380, which would not typically be considered a scam. P-5. The Google search printout provided by Petitioner shows search results for what appear to be two separate companies - United Capital Credit and United Capital Group. P-4. It is the latter company that has comments about complaints. There is no evidence that this is the company that posted the transactions on Petitioner's account. The search results for the other company, United Capital Credit, show the business was founded in 2017 or four years after the transactions were posted. P-4. The assertions that the transactions originated from the company the DAR found as well as the nature of the transactions

remains uncorroborated. As such, Petitioner failed to verify and corroborate the financial transactions which prevented the eligibility determination.

THEREFORE, it is on this day of AUGUST 2019,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner

Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services