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

J.M.,

PETITIONER,

v.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES AND
ESSEX COUNTY BOARD
OF SOCIAL SERVICES,
RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 02877-2019

As Acting 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 July 1, 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 receipt. The Initial Decision was received on May 15, 2019.

This matter arises from the termination of Petitioner J.M.'s Medicaid benefits by Respondent Essex County because of excess resources. Two prior hearing dates in this matter were adjourned because of ongoing settlement discussions between the parties. Before the third scheduled hearing date, Petitioner provided the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) with a letter indicating that Respondent Essex County had approved Medicaid benefits and enclosed a Notification Form completed by Respondent Essex County that indicated that Petitioner was eligible for Medicaid benefits effective April 1, 2019. Based on the above, the ALJ concluded that the matter was no longer a contested case before the Office of Administrative Law and, by Initial Decision dated May 15, 2019, ordered that the matter be dismissed.

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 25th day of JUNE 2019,

ORDERED:

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



Carol Grant, Acting Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services