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

J.S.,

PETITIONER,

v.

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES,

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FINAL AGENCY DECISION OAL DKT. NO. HMA 03694-18

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, the contents of the OAL case file. Neither party filed exceptions to the Initial Decision. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision in this matter is May 20, 2019 in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 in this matter was received on April 5, 2019.

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. At issue is Petitioner's resource eligibility for Medicaid benefits due to his lottery winnings. As of February 2019, Petitioner's bank account contained \$10,000, which exceeds the resource standard of \$4,000 for an individual. Accordingly, the ALJ concluded that the Petitioner was properly denied Medicaid eligibility.

THEREFORE, it is on this \mathbb{W}^{1} day of MAY 2019,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Meghan Davey, Director Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services