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

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PETITIONER,	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
V.	FINAL AGENCY DECISION
MONMOUTH COUNTY	OAL DKT. NO. HMA 07879-19
BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES,	
RESPONDENTS.	

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As Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the Initial Decision and the documents in evidence. Neither Party filed exceptions. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision in this matter is October 11, 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 in this matter was received on August 27, 2019.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby adopt the findings and conclusions of the Administrative Law Judge. This matter concerns the Monmouth County Board of Social Services' (MCBSS) March 27, 2019 notice of eligibility effective October 1, 2018. The

PHILIP D. MURPHY Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor issue here is whether the Petitioner provided the necessary verifications for the MCBSS to make an eligibility determination regarding Petitioner's July 2018 application. For all intents and purposes, MCBSS held Petitioner's July 2018 application open pending the receipt of additional information ultimately received in January 2019. As a result, her eligibility would be determined as of the date of the application with any retroactive benefits beginning three months therefrom. I agree with the ALJ that the unique facts and circumstances presented here show that Petitioner was eligible for Medicaid benefits beginning April 1, 2018.

THEREFORE, it is on this Hoday of SEPTEMBER, 2019,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services