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

M.S.,

PETITIONER, v. MONMOUTH COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES, RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FINAL AGENCY DECISION OAL DKT. NO. HMA 06653-18

As Director 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 January 31, 2019 in accordance with an Order of Extension. The Initial Decision in this matter was received on November 1, 2018.

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. This matter concerns the April 18, 2018 denial of Petitioner's

application due to the failure to provide requested verifications. The issue presented here is whether Petitioner provided the necessary verifications for Monmouth County to make an eligibility determination. The credible evidence in the record demonstrates that Petitioner failed to provide the needed information prior to the April 18, 2018 denial of benefits. Without this information, the County was unable to complete its eligibility determination and the denial was appropriate.

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 Hay of DECEMBER 2018,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Meghán Davey, Director Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services