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

R.S.

PETITIONER,

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

v.

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF
SOCIAL SERVICES,

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 14685-18

RESPONDENT.

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 to the Initial Decision. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is June 3, 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 April 17, 2019.

This matter arises from Petitioner's October 24, 2017 application for Medicaid benefits. 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 CWA exercises direct responsibility in the application process to inform applicants about the process, eligibility requirements and their right to a fair hearing; receive applications; assist applicants in exploring their eligibility; make known the appropriate resources and services; assure the prompt accurate submission of data; and promptly notify applicants of eligibility or ineligibility. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(c) and (d).

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. Petitioner must first file an application in order to begin the Medicaid eligibility process. If Petitioner is found eligible, he may be awarded retroactive eligibility in the three months prior to the application. N.J.A.C. 10:49-2.9(b). Since Petitioner filed his Medicaid application on October 24, 2017, Salem County correctly determined that he was retroactively eligible effective July 1, 2017.

THEREFORE, it is on this ^{10th} day of JUNE 2019,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services