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

**C.G.,**

**PETITIONER,**

**v.**

**DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**AND HEALTH SERVICES AND**

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF**

**SOCIAL SERVICES,**

**RESPONDENTS.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

**FINAL AGENCY DECISION**

**OAL DKT. NO. HMA 3669-2020**

As Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the Initial Decision, the OAL case file and the documents filed below. Neither party filed exceptions in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is March 29, 2020 in accordance with an Order of Extension.

The matter arises regarding the January 2020 denial of Medicaid benefits for Petitioner due to excess income. Union County determined that Petitioner's household

income of \$2,549 exceeded the allowable income standard of \$1,983 for her and her minor child.


The Initial Decision upheld the denial and found that Petitioner's income exceed the threshold for 2020. I concur with this but the record shows that this case although styled as a denial was actually a termination of benefits effective February 29, 2020. Petitioner was entitled to receive benefits pending the fair hearing and would have been covered under the Maintenance of Effort.

As such, I am hereby reversing the Initial Decision and ordering the reinstatement of benefits. Petitioner may reach out to the Medical Assistance Customer Center at (732) 863-4400 for assistance with any medical bills she incurred.

THEREFORE, it is on this <sup>23rd</sup> day of MARCH 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby REVERSED as set forth above.



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