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

F.P.,

PETITIONER,

v.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 2357-2020

As Assistant Commissioner for 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 to the Initial Decision in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is July 8, 2021 in accordance with a second Order of Extension.

The matter arises regarding the January 2019 denial of Petitioner's Medicaid application filed on October 2017 due to the failure to provide information. Specifically at issue was the information provided surrounding Petitioner's long term care insurance,

information regarding a 2018 pension distributions as well as requests for verification on transactions over \$1,000. ID at 3. Camden County Board of Social Services issued its request for additional information in February 2018. The information was to be provided by March 8, 2018. R-2. Information was provided by way of nine submissions through that date as well as additional submissions in May. See R-3-R-13. Camden County responded in October 2018 with a request for bank statements that remained missing as well as other the information reflected above. R-14. This information was due back to Camden by October 17, 2018. On October 23, 2018 Camden reissued the prior request letter and gave Petitioner until November 7, 2018 to respond. R-15. Some information was provided on October 31, 2018. The application was subsequently denied.

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). CWAs must determine eligibility for Aged cases within 45 days and Blind and Disabled cases within 90 days. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(a); MedCom No. 10-09, and Fed. Reg. 42 CFR § 435.91. The time frame may be extended when "documented exceptional

circumstances arise” preventing the processing of the application within the prescribed time limits. N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.3(c).

In this matter Petitioner was given over a year to provide the information requested. Petitioner has not demonstrated that the statements requested in February 2018 as well as the subsequent request for documentation about a long term care policy, the 2018 pension distribution and transactions over \$1,000 were provided. The Initial Decision finds and I concur that the denial was appropriate. Despite the requests for information and the additional time afforded, Petitioner still failed to provide the information necessary to make a determination on his Medicaid application. Nothing in the record indicates that the missing information was provided by the final deadline nor were any extensions of time requested.

THEREFORE, it is on this ^{1st} day of JULY 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



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