

income. At issue is the amount of income, Petitioner and his wife earn. Hudson County calculated their income to exceed the standard.

The Initial Decision determined that Hudson County correctly determined that Petitioner's income exceeded the income standard. While I concur with the income calculation, the record shows that Petitioner was not a new applicant. Rather the documents provided by Hudson County show that Petitioner had been receiving benefits at the time the determination notice was issued and those benefits have been continued. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) requires that states provide continuous Medicaid eligibility for those enrolled as of March 18, 2020, through the end of the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE). Thus, I hereby MODIFY the Initial Decision to find that while Petitioner's income was calculated correctly, the FFCRA requirement that his benefits continue applies. Petitioner's eligibility will be redetermined at the end of PHE.

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THEREFORE, it is on this day of SEPTEMBER 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby MODIFIED; and

That Petitioner's benefits shall continue in accordance with the FFCRA and until such time as the federal PHE ends.



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