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Governor

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Lt. Governor

PETITIONER.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 08210-20

MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

As the Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this matter, consisting of the Initial Decision, the documents in evidence and the contents of the OAL case file. No exceptions were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is January 19, 2020 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 receipt. The Initial Decision was received on November 12, 2020.

This matter arises from the Monmouth County Board of Social Services' (MCBSS)

July 23, 2020 denial of Petitioner's Medicaid application for failure to provide verifications.

The issue presented here is whether Petitioner provided the necessary verifications for the MCBSS to make an eligibility determination. On January 24, 2020, Petitioner, through her son G.B., applied for Medicaid benefits. On February 25, April 2 and June 18, 2020 MCBSS requested that Petitioner provide information necessary to determine eligibility. The verifications were due by July 2, 2020. The credible evidence in the record indicates that Petitioner failed to provide the needed information prior to the July 2, 2020 deadline or the July 23, 2020 denial of benefits. Without this information, MCBSS 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 9th day of JANUARY 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner Division of Medical Assistance

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