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SARAH ADELMAN Acting Commissioner

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

R.G.,

PETITIONER,

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OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FINAL AGENCY DECISION OAL DKT. NO. HMA 02427-21

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 Office of Administrative Law (OAL) case file, and the documents filed below. Neither party filed Exceptions. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision in this matter is August 6, 2021 in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 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 June 22, 2021.

This matter arises from the Ocean County Board of Social Services' (OCBSS) September 29, 2020 denial of Petitioner's Medicaid application for failure to provide

PHILIP D. MURPHY Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor documentation necessary to determine eligibility. Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision in its entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference.

The issue presented here is whether Petitioner provided the necessary verifications for the OCBSS to make an eligibility determination. On July 20, 2020, Petitioner, through his Designated Authorized Representative (DAR), filed a Medicaid application with the OCBSS. On July 23 and August 28, 2020, OCBSS made requests for information necessary to determine Petitioner's eligibility including verification of age, citizenship and residence. This information was due by September 11, 2020. Petitioner did not provide the requested verifications. On September 29, 2020, OCBSS denied the application.

Petitioner did not provide the requested verifications by the September 11, 2020 deadline or before the issuance of the September 29, 2020 denial notice, nor did his representative ask for an extension of time to provide said verifications. Without this information, OCBSS was unable to complete its eligibility determination and the denial was appropriate.

THEREFORE, it is on this 3rd day of AUGUST 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

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