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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES

S.C.,

PETITIONER.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 06897-20

OCEAN 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 4, 2021 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 20, 2020.

This matter arises from the Ocean County Board of Social Services' (OCBSS) June 1, 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 OCBSS to make an eligibility determination. On February 28, 2020 Petitioner applied for Medicaid benefits. On March 4, March 22, April 22, and may 20, 2020, OCBSS requested that Petitioner provide information necessary to determine eligibility. There is some dispute over whether the verifications were due by June 1 or June 2, 2020. However, Petitioner failed to provide the verifications by either of these dates. Without this information, OCBSS 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 FEBRUARY 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner Division of Medical Assistance

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