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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

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PETITIONER,	
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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	
AND HEALTH SERVICES AND	
HUDSON COUNTY BOARD OF	
SOCIAL SERVICES,	
RESPONDENTS.	

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 3527-2021

As Assistant Commissioner of 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 in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is August 23, 2021 in accordance with an Order of Extension.

The matter arises regarding the February 2021 denial of Medicaid benefits for Petitioner due to excess income. Hudson County determined that Petitioner's

PHILIP D. MURPHY Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor countable household income of \$1,822.42 exceeded the allowable income standard of \$1,452 for the couple.

The Initial Decision upheld the denial and found that Petitioner's income exceed the threshold for 2021. I concur with this determination. Petitioner did not contest the income calculation but stated he need help with medication costs. Petitioner may be eligible for the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) program which is a state-funded program helping eligible individuals save money on their prescription drug costs. Petitioner can call PAAD at 1-800-792-9745 to find out more information.

THEREFORE, it is on this day of AUGUST 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

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