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

T.W.,

PETITIONER,

v.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE :
AND HEALTH SERVICES AND :
HUDSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT :
OF FAMILY SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 15597-25

As Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS), I have reviewed the record in this case, including the Initial Decision and the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) case file. Neither party filed exceptions in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision is December 4, 2025, 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 the agency's receipt.

This matter arises from the Hudson County Department of Family Services' (Hudson County) July 2, 2025, termination of Petitioner's Medicaid for Petitioner being over the income eligibility limit. Petitioner appealed Hudson County's termination and a Fair Hearing was requested.

On October 16, 2025, Petitioner called in at the scheduled time for her hearing at 9:00 a.m., and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) verified Petitioner's phone number and advised her that the Fair Hearing Liaison would call her when they were ready to proceed with her case. ID at 2. Once ready, the Fair Hearing Liaison called Petitioner, spoke with her, and asked her to call back into the conference line, but Petitioner did not call. Ibid. The Fair Hearing Liaison made two additional attempts to reach Petitioner but was unsuccessful. Ibid. Petitioner did not call in again that day and did not contact the OAL to explain her failure to participate in the scheduled hearing. Ibid.

Based on the above facts, in the Initial Decision, the ALJ found that Petitioner abandoned her request for a Fair Hearing and dismissed the matter. ID at 2.

I concur. Based on the record before me and for the reasons enumerated above, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision.

THEREFORE, it is on this 22nd day of NOVEMBER 2025,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



Gregory Woods, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services