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F.H.,

PETITIONER,

V.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

HUDSON COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT, NO. HMA 09702-14

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the Initial Decision and the documents in evidence. Neither Party filed exceptions. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision in this matter is November 17, 2014 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. This Initial Decision in this matter was received on October 2, 2014.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision in its entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. This matter arises from the termination of Petitioner's Medicaid benefits because Respondent was unable to locate her. Administrative Law Judge Antoniewicz found that Petitioner failed to notify the Hudson County Board of Social Services (HCBSS) that she changed her address in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:71-2.2(d) and this failure directly led to the agency's inability to locate Petitioner. Petitioner offered no explanation or reason for her failure to report the change of address to HCBSS. Accordingly, the ALJ affirmed HCBSS's decision to terminate Petitioner's Medicaid eligibility.

THEREFORE, it is on this bridge of NOVEMBER 2014

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Valerie Harr, Director

Division of Medical Assistance

and Health Services