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PETITIONER,	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
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V.	:	FINAL AGENCY DECISION
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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	:	OAL DKT. NO. HMA 2840-2014
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AND HEALTH SERVICES &	:	
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BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF	:	
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SOCIAL SERVICES,	:	
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RESPONDENTS.	:	

As Director of 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 in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is August 4, 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. The Initial Decision was received on June 20, 2014.

This matter concerns Petitioner's eligibility for the Global Options (GO) waiver program. She resides in an assisted living facility since 2009. She filed for a divorce from bed and board in 2010 and began to receive \$2,055 in monthly income from her ex-husband. She receives \$487.90 in Social Security. In December 2013 she asked that that amount be reduced to \$1,500. She applied for Medicaid benefits on January 6, 2014. The GO program has an income limit of \$2,163. Burlington County determined that she was entitled to receive \$2,542.90 in income and denied her application.

The Initial Decision determined that Burlington County was correct in counting income that Petitioner was entitled to but did not receive due to her own actions. N.J.A.C. 10:71-4.10(b)3. Petitioner sought to have her income reduced so as to become Medicaid eligible. The Initial Decision likewise determined that Petitioner's other arguments concerning her income were inapplicable and did not alter the denial.

I have reviewed the OAL file and concur with the conclusions as set forth in the Initial Decision. Thus, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision upholding the denial.

THEREFORE, it is on this 1st day of AUGUST 2014

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision in this matter is hereby ADOPTED



Valerie Harr, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services