

the Initial Decision within 45 days of receipt. The Initial Decision was received on August 4, 2014.

For the reasons set forth in Respondent's exceptions to the Initial Decision, I hereby REVERSE the Initial Decision finding Petitioner eligible for Medicaid benefits.

The income standard for the New Jersey Care . . . Special Medicaid (New Jersey Care) program is \$973 per month for an individual. Consequently, R.M's countable monthly income of \$980 (\$1000 in social security disability benefits less a \$20 disregard) exceeds the \$973 income limit for the New Jersey Care program.

Additionally, although the Affordable Care Act expanded Medicaid coverage for individuals between the ages of 19 and 65, coverage is not available for individuals receiving Medicare. See 42 CFR 435.119(b)(3).

THEREFORE, it is on this 5th day of September 2014,

ORDERED:

That the Administrative Law Judge's recommended decision finding that Petitioner is eligible for Medicaid benefits is hereby REVERSED.



Valerie J. Harr, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services