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J.F.

PETITIONER,

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION** 

V.

**FINAL AGENCY DECISION** 

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

OAL DKT, NO. HMA 04284-17

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES.

RESPONDENTS.

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the OAL case file, the Initial Decision and the documents in evidence in this matter. Neither Party filed

exceptions in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision in this matter is September 7, 2017 in accordance with an Order of Extension. The Initial Decision in this matter was received on June 8, 2017.

The matter arises regarding the denial of Petitioner's request for his posteligibility income be used to pay for his nursing home bill for the three months prior to his May 1, 2014 Medicaid eligibility date. I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision affirming the denial of Petitioner's request for Pre-Eligibility Medical Expenses (PEME). Furthermore, the record indicates that Petitioner may not have been eligible to receive Medicaid benefits on May 1, 2014. Essex County should review Petitioner's eligibility especially in light of the April 2014 payment to Morris Hills Center that appears to have been returned to the Petitioner in July 2014.

After reviewing the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings and, due to the unique facts and circumstances presented here, ADOPT the Initial Decision in its entirety.

THEREFORE, it is on this day of AUGUST 2017

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Weghan Davey, Director

Division of Medical Assistance

and Health Services