

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 post-eligibility 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 ^{2nd} day of AUGUST 2017

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.


Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services