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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
AND HEALTH SERVICES

S.D.,

PETITIONER,

v.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 02582-17

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 June 29, 2017 in accordance with an Order of Extension. This Initial Decision in this matter was received on March 29, 2017.

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 Essex County Board of Social Services' (ECBSS) determination that Petitioner was eligible for Medicaid benefits effective May 1, 2016. At issue is whether Petitioner's Medicaid eligibility should be effective May 1, 2016 or on an earlier date based on Petitioner's May 8, 2015 Medicaid application. Due to the unique facts and circumstances presented here, I agree with the ALJ that ECBSS re-evaluate Petitioner's eligibility as of her May 8, 2015 Medicaid application.


Thus, I FIND that Essex County should process Petitioner's May 8, 2015 application to determine if she was eligible for Medicaid benefits. This Final Agency Decision should not be construed as making any findings regarding Petitioner's eligibility.

THEREFORE, it is on this <sup>9<sup>th</sup></sup> day of JUNE 2017,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED; and

That this matter is returned to the ECBSS to process Petitioner's eligibility in accordance with this Final Agency Decision.

  
Meghan Davey, Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services