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

W.G.,

PETITIONER,

v.

**DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES AND
BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF
SOCIAL SERVICES,
RESPONDENTS.**

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 4458-2020

As Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the Initial Decision, the OAL case file and the documents filed below. No exceptions were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is December 14, 2020 in accordance with an Order of Extension.

The matter arises regarding the denial of Petitioner's January 2020 application

Medicaid benefits due to excess resources. Burlington County determined that Petitioner's resources exceeded the resource limit of \$2,000 and denied the case by letter dated March 9, 2020 based on resources as well as failure to provide information regarding his pension.


The Initial Decision upheld the denial and I concur. Petitioner received monthly income of \$1,479.69 which would allow him to be eligible under the higher limit for institutionalized individuals. However he would also have to meet the monthly resource limit of \$2,000. His bank accounts showed a balance over that amount in December 2019 as well as January and February 2020.

Petitioner daughter claimed that he had bills that should be used to reduce his resources below \$2,000. While the bills cannot net out the resources for eligibility purposes, the Initial Decision noted that there was no evidence that the bills presented hadn't been paid. With income of \$1,479.69, if bills were not being paid, the balances would be increasing by that amount each month. Rather the monthly balances ranged from \$2,063 to \$2,486 during the months in question indicating that Petitioner's income was not accumulating. Nothing in the record shows that Petitioner met the \$2,000 resource standard.

THEREFORE, it is on this ^{8th} day of DECEMBER 2020,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services