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

D.S., PETITIONER, V. FINAL AGENCY DECISION FINAL AGENCY DECISION OAL DKT. NO. HMA 04642-15 OAL DKT. NO. HMA 04642-15 OAL DKT. NO. HMA 04642-15 CUMBERLAND 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 and the Initial Decision approving the Settlement Agreement reached by the parties. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision is July 6, 2015 in

CHRIS CHRISTIE Governor

KIM GUADAGNO Lt. Governor accordance with <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 52:14B-10, which requires an Agency Head to adopt, reject, or modify the Initial Decision within 45 days of receipt. The Initial Decision was received on May 19, 2015.

This matter arises from the denial of eligibility for failure to provide requested verification. However, at the scheduled OAL hearing, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement whereby Cumberland County agreed that Petitioner had provided the documentation necessary to make an eligibility determination.

The ALJ approved the Settlement Agreement because it was consistent with the law, fully disposed of all issues in controversy and was voluntarily entered into by both parties, in accordance with <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 1:1-19.1.

Based upon my review of the record, I agree with the ALJ's conclusions and ADOPT the Settlement Agreement as based upon substantial credible evidence and consistent with applicable law.

THEREFORE, it is on this and day of July 2015,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision approving the Settlement Agreement in this matter is hereby ADOPTED.

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