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

VALERIE HARR
Director

J.R.,

PETITIONER,

v.

UNITED HEALTHCARE,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 05485-15

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 September 11, 2015 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 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 July 28, 2015.

This appeal stems from United Healthcare's decision to reduce the amount of Petitioner's Personal Care Assistant hours. However, by Settlement Agreement filed with the Office of Administrative Law, the parties agreed to

amicably resolve the issue whereby United Healthcare agreed to continue providing 18 hours of weekly PCA hours until the next assessment.

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 N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

I agree with the ALJ's conclusions regarding the Settlement Agreement and ADOPT the Initial Decision as based upon substantial credible evidence and consistent with applicable law.

THEREFORE, it is on this *2nd* day of September 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