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STEP BY STEP,
PETITIONER,
v.
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES,
RESPONDENT.
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
FINAL AGENCY DECISION
OAL DKT. NO. HMA 5389-2013

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 April 6, 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 in this matter was received on February 20, 2015.

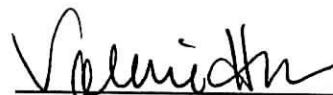
This matter concerns the termination of Step by Step's provider numbers on March 7, 2013 due its failure to have a valid provider license. I hereby ADOPT the findings, conclusions and recommended decision of the Administrative Law Judge in

their entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. As noted in the Initial Decision, Step by Step lost its ability to be a Medicaid provider when it lost its provider license in February 2013. ID at 3 and P-7. The dispute regarding ownership of the company does not affect the outcome as the Department of Human Services, Office of Licensing determined that Step by Step had ceased providing services around January of 2013 and that alone voided its provider license. ID at 10. N.J.A.C. 10:161B-2.2. The change of ownership alleged by Raymond Hargrove at the hearing likewise would void the license and would have had the same effect of terminating Step by Step as a Medicaid provider. While Step by Step can reestablish its license and then its status as a Medicaid provider, it has not done so. As such, the termination of the Medicaid provider agreement was proper.

THEREFORE, it is on this *2nd* day of APRIL 2015,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



Valerie Harr, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services