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

M.L.,

PETITIONER,

v.

UNITED HEALTHCARE,

RESPONDENT.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 05415-15

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 November 16, 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 October 1, 2015.

This appeal stems from United Healthcare's decision to reduce Petitioner's personal care service hours from 40 to 30 hours per week. However, by Settlement Agreement filed with the Office of Administrative Law, the parties

agreed to amicably resolve this controversy whereby United Healthcare agreed to provide 34 hours of services per week.

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2015,

ORDERED:

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



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