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MEGHAN DAVES

Director

J.D.,

PETITIONER,

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

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OAL DKT, NO. HMA 03804-17

UNITED HEALTHCARE,

RESPONDENT.

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 August 7, 2017, 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 June 23, 2017.

This appeal stems from United Healthcare's denial of an increase in Petitioner's personal care assistant (PCA) hours. However, by Settlement Agreement filed with the Office of Administrative Law, the parties agreed to

amicably resolve this controversy whereby United agreed to provide 40 hours of PCA services per week pending a reassessment.

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 day of July 2017,

ORDERED:

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

Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services