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J.L.,

PETITIONER,

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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION** 

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 5162-2017

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 Decision is June 26, 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 May 12, 2017.

This matter arises from the denial of Petitioner's Medicaid benefits for emergency assistance. The parties entered into a settlement on the record whereby Petitioner withdrew the fair hearing request. Essex County determined that Petitioner was eligible for one month to cover emergency services. By Initial Decision dated May 2, 2017, 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. 1:11-19.1.

Based on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings and hereby ADOPT the Settlement Agreement.

THEREFORE, it is on this day of JUNE 2017,

## ORDERED:

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

Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services