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

E.M., PETITIONER, v. DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES AND HUDSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES RESPONDENTS.

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 25, 2018, in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 10, 2018.

This matter arises from Hudson County Department of Family Services' (Hudson) termination of Petitioner's Medicaid eligibility based on Petitioner's income exceeding the program eligibility limits.

PHILIP D. MURPHY Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor On the day of the scheduled hearing, Petitioner provided Hudson with paystubs which accurately reflect Petitioner's income, from March 2018. After reviewing the documents, Hudson concluded that Petitioner was eligible to continue receiving Medicaid benefits at the same level he was receiving before the termination. The parties entered into a settlement on the record whereby Hudson agreed that Petitioner's income did not exceed the eligibility limits and granted Petitioner eligibility effective April 1, 2018.

By Initial Decision dated May 4, 2018, 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 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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 Ht day of JUNE 2018,

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