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G.F.,	:	
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PETITIONER,	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
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v.	:	FINAL AGENCY DECISION
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UNITED HEALTHCARE,	:	OAL DKT. NO. HMA 15359-2017
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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 Decision is February 5, 2018, 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 December 22, 2017.


This matter arises from the denial by Respondent of Petitioner's request for additional personal care assistance (PCA) hours and the reduction by Respondent of Petitioner's PCA hours from sixteen hours per week to ten hours per week. The parties entered into a settlement on the record whereby the parties agreed that Petitioner will receive fifteen hours per week of PCA services until such time as the next Personal Care Assistant Assessment. By Initial Decision dated December 22, 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 *1st* day of FEBRUARY 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