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

N.S.,

PETITIONER,	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
V.	FINAL AGENCY DECISION
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	OAL DKT. NO. HMA 06446-2018
AND HEALTH SERVICES AND	
ESSEX COUNTY BOARD	
OF SOCIAL SERVICES,	
RESPONDENTS.	

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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. No Exceptions were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is July 23, 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 June 8, 2018.

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This matter arises from the denial of Petitioner's application for Medicaid benefits by Respondent Essex County because of Petitioner's failure to provide necessary documentation in support of the Medicaid application in a timely fashion. The parties entered into a settlement whereby the parties agreed that once Petitioner provided the requested information to Essex County and completed a new application for Medicaid benefits, Essex County would reevaluate Petitioner's application for benefits. By Initial Decision dated May 31, 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 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 JULY 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