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

R.S.,

PETITIONER,

v.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY

CHOICE OPTIONS,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 14413-2018

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this matter, consisting of the Initial Decision, the documents in evidence and the contents of the OAL case file. No exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is December 31, 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 the agency's receipt. The Initial Decision was received on November 14, 2018.

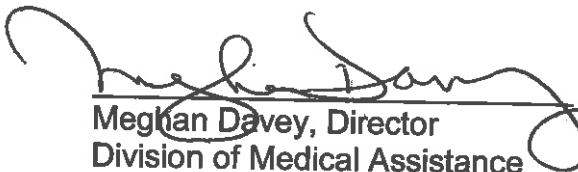
Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the recommended decision of the Administrative Law Judge in its entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. Petitioner no longer satisfies the clinical eligibility criteria to meet nursing facility level of care so as to receive Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) benefits. Eligibility for nursing facility services is determined by the professional staff designated by the Department based on a comprehensive needs assessment that demonstrates that the beneficiary requires nursing home level of care. N.J.A.C. 8:85-2.1.

I agree with the Administrative Law Judge that that Petitioner does not satisfy the clinical eligibility criteria necessary to qualify for nursing facility level of care pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:85-2.1 and 2.2. Petitioner presented no evidence to contradict this determination. I note that it is the responsibility of the nursing facility to safely discharge Petitioner.

THEREFORE, it is on this 15th day of DECEMBER 2018,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision affirming the termination of clinical eligibility for nursing home level of care is hereby ADOPTED.


Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services