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T.C.,	:	
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PETITIONER,	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
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v.	:	FINAL AGENCY DECISION
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AMERIGROUP,	:	OAL DKT. NO. HMA 18157-17
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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 Initial Decision, the OAL case file and the documents filed below. No exceptions were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is March 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 January 19, 2018.

The matter arises regarding the denial of Petitioner's dental services. Amerigroup received a request for a root canal due to a decaying nerve in Petitioner's tooth. Respondent's dental director testified that he reviewed the claim and concluded that extracting the tooth would remedy the problem and be the most judicious


application of Medicaid resources under N.J.A.C. 10:56-2.1. As such, Petitioner's request for a root canal was denied. There was no evidence presented at the fair hearing that contradicted this conclusion.

The Initial Decision held that Respondent properly denied Petitioner's request for a root canal. Based on my review of the record, I concur with the Initial Decision.

THEREFORE, it is on this ^{16th} day of FEBRUARY 2018,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.


Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services