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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES

FRIENDLY PHARMACY

PETITIONER,

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

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FINAL AGENCY DECISION

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 08821-2019

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

MEDICAID FRAUD DIVISION

RESPONDENTS.

As Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS), I have reviewed the record in this case, including the OAL case file, the Settlement Agreement and the Initial Decision in this matter. No exceptions were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is December 13, 2019 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 October 29, 2019.

This matter concerns an inventory analysis conducted by the Office of the State Comptroller; Medicaid Fraud Division (MFD) of Petitioner's billing practices. As a result of the investigation, MFD issued a Notice of Claim, Notice of Withhold and a Certificate of Debt. Additionally, money has been withheld pursuant to the Notice of Withhold. By way of

settlement the parties agreed to resolve the matter as set forth in the agreement.

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. 1:1-19.1.

Based upon my review of the record, I agree with the ALJ's conclusions and ADOPT the Settlement Agreement as based upon substantial credible evidence and consistent with applicable law.

THEREFORE, it is on this day of DECEMBER 2019,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision approving the Settlement Agreement is hereby ADOPTED.

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner

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and Health Services