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A.R.,	:	
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PETITIONER,	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
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V.	:	FINAL AGENCY DECISION
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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	:	OAL DKT. NO. HMA 06489-22
AND HEALTH SERVICES,	:	ON REMAND HMA 11477-20
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RESPONDENTS.	:	

As Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) case file and the Initial Decision approving the Settlement Agreement reached by the parties. No exceptions were filed in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is December 1, 2022 in accordance with an Order of Extension. The Initial Decision was received on August 26, 2022.

This matter arises from the Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Developmental Disabilities' November 5, 2020 denial of Petitioner's request for a rate increase in wages paid to her Self-Directed Employee (SDE) because it would result in wages exceeding the reasonable and customary rate. On August 26, 2022, the parties entered into

settlement agreement wherein they agreed to a rate increase for work performed on or after August 26, 2022, subject to annual re-submission of SDE wages. The Administrative Law Judge 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 on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings and hereby ADOPT the Settlement Agreement.

THEREFORE, it is on this 18TH day of OCTOBER 2022,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED



Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services