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

E.B., PETITIONER, V. DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES, RESPONDENTS. PETITIONER, ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FINAL AGENCY DECISION OAL DKT. NO. HMA 03852-21

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 July 25, 2022 in accordance with an Order of Extension. The Initial Decision was received on April 26, 2022.

This matter arises from the Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Developmental Disabilities' April 6, 2021 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 April 18, 2022, the parties entered into settlement

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SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor agreement wherein they agreed to a rate of \$30 per hours for work performed on or after April 17, 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 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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 22nd day of JULY 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED

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