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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
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A.R.,

PETITIONER,

v.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

UNITED HEALTHCARE,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 07138-24

As Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS), 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 file a Final Agency Decision is November 18, 2024, 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 3, 2024. ¹

¹ In the Initial Decision, the Administrative Law Judge mistakenly recorded Petitioner's initials as "J.D." when listing the party appearances.

This matter arises from the denial of dental services coverage. Petitioner appealed the determination, and the matter was transmitted to the OAL for a fair hearing. Thereafter, during the hearing process, the parties agreed to a settlement and entered into a written agreement that resolves the contested matter.

In the Initial Decision, dated October 3, 2024, the Administrative Law Judge (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. 1:11-19.1.

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 15th day of NOVEMBER, 2024,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision affirming the Settlement Agreement in this matter is hereby ADOPTED.



Gregory Woods, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services