



entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. Following the completion an assessment and review by the member appeal panel, Amerigroup determined that Petitioner needed a total of 20 hours of weekly PCA services. I am persuaded by the fact that no evidence was presented suggesting that any needed service or task cannot be performed within 20 hours per week. Petitioner provided no evidence as to why this level of PCA services is insufficient.

Given the absence of sufficient credible evidence that the necessary personal care and household tasks cannot be accomplished within 20 hours per week, any additional hours would only be used for supervision or companionship which is not an authorized use of the service. See N.J.A.C. 10:60-3.8(c). Indeed, this would be contrary to the purpose of the PCA program which is intended to provide medically necessary assistance with specific health related tasks.

THEREFORE, it is on this <sup>11<sup>th</sup></sup> day of December 2014,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision affirming the reduction of PCA services to 20 hours per week is hereby ADOPTED as the Final Decision.



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and Health Services