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M.M.,

PETITIONER.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

**FINAL AGENCY DECISION** 

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 19192-15

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DMAHS AND BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

RESPONDENT.

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the OAL case file and the Initial Decision approving the Settlement Agreement reached by the parties. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision is August 1, 2016 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 June 15, 2016.

This appeal stems from the Bergen County Board of Social Services October 26, 2015 denial of Petitioner's Medicaid application effective August 1, 2015. However, by Settlement Agreement filed with the Office of Administrative Law, the parties agreed to amicably resolve this controversy whereby Petitioner was approved for Medicaid benefits based upon documentation submitted at the hearing that establishing her eligibility as of August 1, 2015. 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.

I agree with the ALJ's conclusions regarding the Settlement Agreement and ADOPT the Initial Decision Is based upon substantial credible evidence and consistent with applicable law.

THEREFORE, it is on this  $18^{10}$  day of JULY 2016,

## ORDERED:

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

Meghan Davey, Director O Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services