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

A.B.,

PETITIONER.

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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES AND ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 10388-17

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 October 20, 2017 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 September 5, 2017.

This matter arises from the denial of Medicaid eligibility based upon excess income. However, at the scheduled OAL hearing, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement whereby Essex County agreed that Petitioner and her husband are eligible for benefits based upon the submission of updated income information.

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.

Based upon my review of the record, I agree with the ALJ's conclusions and ADOPT the Settlement Agreement as based upon substantial credible evidence and consistent with applicable law.

THEREFORE, it is on this

day of October 2017,

ORDERED:

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

Meghan Davey, Director

Division of Medical Assistance

and Health Services