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

MEGHAN DAVEY
Director

C.A.,

PETITIONER,

v.

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

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 08279-17

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 August 31, 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 July 17, 2017.

This matter arises from the termination of Medicaid eligibility based upon excess income. However, at the scheduled OAL hearing, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement whereby Petitioner withdrew her hearing request and Essex County agreed to re-evaluate Petitioner's eligibility for benefits based upon her submission of current 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 *2nd* day of August 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