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

M.B.,

PETITIONER,

v.

UNITED HEALTHCARE,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 10243-17

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 December 14, 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 October 30, 2017.

This appeal stems from United Healthcare's reduction in Petitioner's personal care assistant (PCA) hours. However, by Settlement Agreement filed with the Office of Administrative Law, the parties agreed to amicably resolve this controversy whereby United agreed to provide 25 hours of PCA services per week pending a reassessment.

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 as based upon substantial credible evidence and consistent with applicable law.

THEREFORE, it is on this 11th day of DECEMBER 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