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

S.C.,	:	
PETITIONER,	:	**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**
v.	:	**FINAL AGENCY DECISION**
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	:	**OAL DKT. NO. HMA 7805-2017**
AND HEALTH SERVICES AND	:	
ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF	:	
SOCIAL SERVICES,	:	
RESPONDENTS.	:	

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 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 Petitioner's Medicaid benefits based on his March 2017 application. The parties entered into a settlement on the record whereby Petitioner demonstrated that as of July 28, 2017 he was a household of two. This change in the household composition raises the income standard to $1,868 and renders him eligible at that time. By Initial Decision dated August 28, 2017, 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. 1:11-19.1.

Based on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings and hereby ADOPT the Settlement Agreement.

THEREFORE, it is on this 3rd day of OCTOBER 2017,

ORDERED:

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

Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services