

## State of New Hersey

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

S.J.,

PETITIONER,

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 17824-16

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

PASSAIC 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 Agency Decision is March 6, 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 January 18, 2017.

This matter arises from the termination of Medicaid eligibility based upon excess income. However, at the scheduled OAL hearing, Petitioner provided updated paystubs which showed she is paid every two weeks rather than every week. Thereafter, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement whereby Passaic County agreed to re-evaluate her eligibility for benefits.

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 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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 21th day of February 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