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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
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V.D.,

PETITIONER,

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 00048-17

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DMAHS AND BERGEN 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 May 18, 2017 in accordance with an Order of Extension. The Initial Decision was received on February 15, 2017.

This matter arises from the Bergen County Board of Social Services' (BCBSS) denial of Medicaid eligibility for failure to provide requested verification. The parties' original settlement agreement was rejected by the Director and remanded to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). On February 14, 2017, the parties entered into a new settlement agreement based upon an updated eligibility notice issued by BCBSS on September 23, 2016, which was not part of the record below, and a withdrawal of the April 12, 2016 notice and appeal.

By Initial Decision dated February 14, 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. 1:1-19.1.

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 # day of MAY 2017,

ORDERED:

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

Meghan Davey, Director

Division of Medical Assistance

and Health Services