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

A.Z.,

    PETITIONER,   : ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

    v.   : FINAL AGENCY DECISION

HUDSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT : OAL DKT. NO. HMA 15717-2017

OF FAMILY SERVICES,   :

    RESPONDENT.   :

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 January 29, 2018, 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 December 15, 2017.
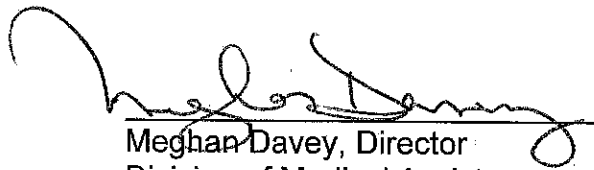
This matter arises from the denial of Petitioner's eligibility for Medicaid benefits by Respondent due to excess income. The parties entered into a settlement whereby the parties agreed that the Respondent will recalculate Petitioner's income based on paystubs rather than on Petitioner's employer's letter and that if Petitioner is found eligible, eligibility will be granted effective September 1, 2017. By Initial Decision dated December 12, 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 26th day of JANUARY 2018,

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