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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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A.Q.,

PETITIONER,

v.

AMERIGROUP,

RESPONDENT.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 00151-19

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 April 15, 2019, 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 March 4, 2019.

This matter arises from Respondent's reduction in the Personal Care Assistant (PCA) service hours provided to Petitioner. The parties entered into a settlement on the record whereby Respondent agreed to provide a mutually agreeable number of PCA service hours until Petitioner's next scheduled PCA assessment or until a change in Petitioner's health condition. The ALJ approved the Settlement Agreement because it was

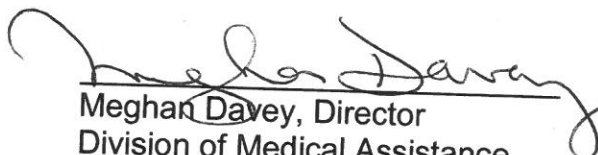
consistent with the law, fully disposed of all issues in controversy and was voluntarily entered into by both parties in accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:11-19.1.

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 27th day of MARCH 2019,

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