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

J.D.,		: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
	PETITIONER,	FINAL AGENCY DECISION
	V.	OAL DKT. NO. HMA 17197-2018
AMERIGROUP,		ON REMAND
	RESPONDENT.	: OAL DKT. NO. HMA 12682-2018

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 March 25, 2019, in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 February 8, 2019.

This matter arises from the reduction by Respondent Amerigroup of Petitioner J.D.'s Personal Care Assistance (PCA) services. A prior hearing in this matter resulted in a settlement that was rejected because it did not address the issue that was appealed and the matter was remanded for a new hearing. In advance of the hearing date, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement. By Initial Decision dated February 4, 2019, 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> 1:11-19.1.

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 V 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