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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
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O.B.,

PETITIONER,

V.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD

OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 04426-2019

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 Stipulation of Settlement. No exceptions were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is June 14, 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 April 30, 2019.

This matter arises from the denial of Petitioner O.B.'s application for Medicaid benefits by Respondent Essex County because of excess income. On the scheduled hearing date, the parties agreed to settle the matter. By Initial Decision dated April 25, 2019, the ALJ approved the Stipulation of Settlement 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 day of JUNE 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