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

S.F.,

PETITIONER, v. AMERIGROUP,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FINAL AGENCY DECISION OAL DKT. NO. HMA 11762-18

As Assistant Commissioner 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 September 23, 2019, in accordance with an Order of Extension. The Initial Decision was received on June 24, 2019.

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This matter arises from a reduction in the number of personal care assistance hours provided to Petitioner. The parties entered into a settlement on the record whereby Respondent agreed to provide Petitioner with a mutually agreed upon number of personal care hours per week. Respondent will continue to provide petitioner with those hours until Petitioner's next reassessment or a change in Petitioner's circumstances. By Initial Decision dated June 18, 2019, the ALJ approved the Settlement Agreement because it was

PHILIP D. MURPHY Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor 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 Oday of SEPTEMBER 2019,

ORDERED:

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

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services