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

Z.M.,

PETITIONER,

v.

AMERIGROUP,

RESPONDENT.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

**FINAL AGENCY DECISION**

**OAL DKT. NO. HMA 07741-2019**

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 October 4, 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 August 20, 2019.

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 regular reassessment or a change in Petitioner's circumstances.

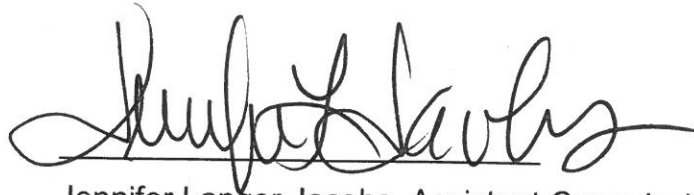
By Initial Decision dated August 15, 2019, the ALJ approved the Settlement Agreement because it was consistent with the law, fully disposed of all issues in controversy and was voluntarily entered into by both parties in accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:11-19.1.

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 <sup>20th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER 2019,

ORDERED:

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

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