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

Z.R.,

PETITIONER,

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION** 

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

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OAL DKT. NO. HMA 18108-18

AMERIGROUP.

RESPONDENT.

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 June 27, 2019, in accordance with an Order of Extension. The Initial Decision was received on March 27, 2019.

This matter arises from Amerigroup's reduction of Personal Care Assistant (PCA) services from 28 hours to 20 hours of weekly services. However, at the scheduled March 6, 2019 OAL hearing, the parties entered a settlement on the record whereby Petitioner would be provided with 40 hours of weekly PCA services pending the results

of the next regularly scheduled nursing assessment. By initial decision dated March 18, 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  $\underline{\mathcal{M}}$  day of MAY 2019,

ORDERED:

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

Meghan Davey, Director

Division of Medical Assistance

and Health Services