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A.J.,	:	
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PETITIONER,	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
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v.	:	FINAL AGENCY DECISION
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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	:	OAL DKT. NO. HMA 10529-2020
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AND HEALTH SERVICES,	:	
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RESPONDENTS.	:	

As Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) case file and the Initial Decision approving the Settlement Agreement reached by the parties. No exceptions were filed in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is September 30, 2021 in accordance with an Order of Extension.

This matter concerns the denial of Petitioner’s request for driving lessons under the Goods and Services provided under the Supports Program, a component of the

Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver (CMW) that permits Medicaid beneficiaries eligible through the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to access "services, equipment or supplies, not otherwise provided through generic resources, the Supports Program, or through the State Plan, which address an identified need (including improving and maintaining the participant's opportunities for full membership in the community) and meet the following requirements: the item or service would decrease the need for other Medicaid services; and/or promote inclusion in the community; and/or increase the participant's safety in the home environment; and, the participant does not have the funds to purchase the item or service or the item or service is not available through another source." Section 17.9.1 Supports Program Manual.


By way of settlement, the parties agreed to resolve the issues surrounding the denial and withdrawing the request of a fair hearing. In the Initial Decision dated June 28, 2021, 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 24th day of SEPTEMBER 2021,

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