

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 Goods and Services Request, withdrawing the request of a fair hearing. In the Initial Decision, dated March 22, 2021, the Administrative Law Judge (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 23rd day of JUNE 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