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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES

M.B.,

PETITIONER,

v.

UNITED HEALTHCARE,

RESPONDENT.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 11108-20

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. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is November 1, 2021, in accordance with an Order of Extension.

This matter arises from United Healthcare's denial of Petitioner's eligibility for dental braces based on Petitioner's failure to demonstrate medical necessity and/or extenuating circumstances under the twenty-six (26) point requirement standard of the New Jersey Orthodontic Evaluation HDL (NJ-Mod2) assessment tool.

By Initial Decision dated August 2, 2021, the ALJ affirmed United Healthcare's denial of eligibility for dental braces, finding that Petitioner's own dental practitioner assessed the points associated with his condition below the required twenty-six.

Based on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings.

THEREFORE, it is on this 29th day of OCTOBER 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.



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