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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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R.H.,

PETITIONER,

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 03883-21

UNITED HEALTHCARE

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RESPONDENT.

As Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this matter, consisting of the Initial Decision, the OAL case file and the documents in evidence. No exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision is November 21, 2021 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 the agency's receipt. The Initial Decision was received on October 7, 2021.

I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision affirming the denial of prior authorization for a

dental implant crown. Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the findings,

conclusions and recommended decision of the Administrative Law Judge in their entirety

and incorporate the same herein by reference. Under Medicaid regulations only medically

necessary dental services are covered and requests for dental implants are limited to

those that demonstrate the beneficiary has a facial anomaly, deformity or has been

unable to function with a complete denture for at least two years or other surgical

corrections have been unsuccessful. N.J.A.C. 10:56-1.1 and 2.13(c)1. Petitioner's case

was reviewed by Respondent and Petitioner was found to have no extenuating

circumstances warranting dental implants. The ALJ found that Petitioner does not meet

the requirements to cover dental implants under the Medicaid regulations.

I agree with the Administrative Law Judge that the Petitioner did not submit any

evidence to rebut United Healthcare's determination or support a finding that Petitioner's

proposed dental plan is medically necessary.

THEREFORE, it is on this 18th day of NOVEMBER 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

Jennifer Langer Jacobs, Assistant Commissioner

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