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R.L.,

PETITIONER.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

V.

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

HORIZON.

OAL DKT. No. HMA 5555-2019

RESPONDENT.

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 August 20, 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 receipt. The Initial Decision was received on June 28, 2021.

This matter concerns the denial of Petitioner's request for an increase in private duty nursing (PDN) hours. By way of settlement, the parties agreed to resolve the issues

surrounding the PDN hours, 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 15th day of AUGUST 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