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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

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PHILIP D. MURPHY

Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER

Lt. Governor

PETITIONER,

v.

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

And

V.G.,

PETITIONER,

MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

v.

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 04052-19 HMA 01907-20

As the 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 documents in evidence and the contents of the OAL case file. No exceptions were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is August 23, 2021 in accordance with an Order of Extension. The Initial Decision was received on May 25, 2021.

This matter arises from the denial of Medicaid eligibility based upon excess resources and the imposition of a transfer penalty. However, at the scheduled OAL hearing, and after additional review, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement whereby Mercer County agreed that Petitioner was eligible for benefits subject to a transfer penalty that will expire on March 30, 2023. 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. 1:1-19.1.

Based upon my review of the record, I agree with the ALJ's conclusions and ADOPT the Settlement Agreement as based upon substantial credible evidence and consistent with applicable law.

THEREFORE, it is on this 15th day of AUGUST 2021,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is hereby ADOPTED.

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