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

W.H.,	
PETITIONER,	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
v.	FINAL AGENCY DECISION
UNITED HEALTHCARE,	: OAL DKT. NO. HMA 06425-20
RESPONDENT.	

As Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the Initial Decision and the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) case file. No exceptions were filed in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is June 7, 2021 in accordance with an Order of Extension.

This matter concerns the determination by United Healthcare (United) that Petitioner was not eligible to receive dental services, including five dental implants. The Initial Decision upholds the denial, and for the reasons set forth therein, I concur with that determination.

Medicaid regulations only cover medically necessary dental services, and implants are limited to requests that demonstrate that an individual "has a facial anomaly, deformity or has been unable to function with a complete denture for at least two years and other surgical corrections have been unsuccessful in improving the retention of the denture." N.J.A.C. 10:56-2.13(c). The records provided by Petitioner's treating dentist do not show that Petitioner has a

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SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor facial anomaly or deformation. R-5. Additionally, there is nothing in the record that reflects that Petitioner has worn dentures for at least two years and that he has been unable to function with them. R-5.

Based upon my review of the record and for the reasons set forth above, I concur with the ALJ that Petitioner does not meet the requirements for the approval of dental implants under the Medicaid regulations at this time.

THEREFORE, it is on this 4th day of JUNE 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