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PETITIONER,	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
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v.	:	FINAL AGENCY DECISION
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DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	:	OAL DKT. NO. HMA 01595-21
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AND HEALTH SERVICES,	:	
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RESPONDENT	:	

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 affirming the denial of reimbursement to Petitioner. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is April 28, 2022 in accordance with an Order of Extension.

This matter arises from the denial of Petitioner's request for reimbursement of 2021 spring semester tuition provided under the Supports Program, a component of the Comprehensive Medicaid Waiver (CMW), administered by the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). It is undisputed that Petitioner's Support Coordinator submitted a request for reimbursement after Petitioner's classes began. As a result, Petitioner failed to obtain prior authorization.

The ALJ affirmed DDD's denial of reimbursement based on an unopposed Motion for Summary Decision. The ALJ found that Petitioner did not obtain prior authorization to have the spring semester paid for before the spring semester began, contrary to procedures

outlined in the Supports Program Policies & Procedures Manual.

The DDD's Program Policies & Procedures Manual provides clear direction related to reimbursement for the provision of goods and services. Under Section 8.4 of the manual, it states, "[i]n order to ensure that the service provider ... can receive payment for the services they are providing, a prior authorization must be obtained BEFORE the service is delivered." Section 8.4 (emphasis in original).

Based on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings. Petitioner's semester started before the reimbursement request was submitted. Therefore, I hereby AFFIRM.

THEREFORE, it is on this 19th day of APRIL 2022,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision denying reimbursement for the vehicle modifications is hereby ADOPTED.

Gregory Woods

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