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SARAH ADELMAN Acting Commissioner

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

M.C.,

PETITIONER,	:	
	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
	:	
v .	:	FINAL AGENCY DECISION
INSPIRA LIFE VINELAND	:	
	:	OAL DKT. NO. HMA 07761-21
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RESPONDENT.		

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As Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the Initial Decision, the OAL case file and the documents filed below. Neither party filed exception in this matter. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Decision is January 21, 2022 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 in this matter was received on December 7, 2021.

This matter concerns the denial of Petitioner's request for additional Certified Home Health Aide (CHHA) services by Inspira Life Vineland (Inspira), a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) service provider. Enrollment in the PACE program is voluntary and coordinates care of Medicare and Medicaid services and

PHILIP D. MURPHY Governor

SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor provides comprehensive medical and social services to certain frail, communitydwelling elderly individuals. An interdisciplinary team (IDT) of health professionals provides PACE participants with coordinated care. The PACE program serves as the sole source of Medicaid and Medicare benefits for PACE participants. If an individual meets the eligibility requirements and elects PACE, then an agreement is signed and. continues as long as desired by the individual, regardless of change in health status. See 42 C.F.R. § 460.2, et seq.

Petitioner receives PACE services from a team of professionals employed by Inspira. Upon Petitioner's request for additional CHHA services, Sarah Martyn R.N. performed a home assessment and determined Petitioner's cluttered residence was an issue not properly addressed by additional CHHA services. The assessment that Petitioner required different, rather than additional services, was echoed by other members of the Inspira team. Accordingly, Petitioner's team identified more suitable services that would promote Petitioner's continued independence and enhance his quality of life. I agree with the Initial Decision that the evidence in the record supports the finding that the denial of Petitioner's request for additional CHHA hours was appropriate.

THEREFORE, it is on this^{18th}day of JANUARY 2022,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision is ADOPTED.

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