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

C.T.,

PETITIONER,

v.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

AND HEALTH SERVICES AND

OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF

SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

**FINAL AGENCY DECISION**

**OAL DKT. NO. HMA 4007-2014**

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the Initial Decision, the Settlement Agreement and the documents in evidence. No exceptions were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision in this matter is October 14, 2014 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 August 29, 2014.

This matter concerns the denial of Petitioner's application for benefits. At issue were verifications of Petitioner's resources as they pertained to her spouse. Petitioner, who is a ward of the Office of the Public Guardian, sought to get the information and was able to confirm her spouse had died. By way of settlement, Petitioner withdraws the request for a fair hearing and Ocean County agreed to process the application. Additionally, Petitioner agrees to enter a plan of liquidation for any real property that she owns.

By Initial Decision dated August 14, 2014, 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 on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings. Thus, I hereby ADOPT the Settlement Agreement.

THEREFORE, it is on this <sup>14<sup>th</sup></sup> day of OCTOBER 2014

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision approving the Settlement Agreement is hereby ADOPTED.



Valerie Harr, Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services