In the Matter of

M.L.

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

This matter involves the Petitioner M.L.'s appeal of the Division of Developmental Disabilities' (Division) denial of several special circumstance requests relating to M.L.'s contribution to care. Petitioner also seeks to require the Division to fund his special circumstance expenses when his Division-funded services change over to the Medicaid fee-for-service funding model.

I reviewed the Recommended Decision submitted on December 21, 2017 and the Petitioner's submissions. Neither the Petitioner nor Division filed objections or exceptions to the Recommended Decision.

I agree with and **ADOPT** the findings and conclusions of the Recommended Decision. The Division properly granted relief when Petitioner was able to provide proof for the cost of his necessary and unavoidable medical costs. However, the Division also properly denied M.L.'s other special circumstance requests for costs not covered under the rules. The Division applied the rules to determine Petitioner's contribution to care correctly and the Petitioner's concerns about fee-for-service funding are premature.

This is my Final Decision.

Jonathan S. Seifried

Acting Assistant Commissioner

Division of Developmental Disabilities

2/13/18

Date