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

A.G.,

PETITIONER,

v.

HORIZON NJ HEALTH,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 07761-15

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this matter, consisting of the Initial Decision, the documents in evidence and the OAL case file. No Exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision is August 22, 2016, 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 the agency's receipt. The Initial Decision was received on July 6, 2016.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the Initial Decision in its entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. The ALJ affirmed Horizon NJ Health's denial of payment for the drug, Harvoni. I find no reason to

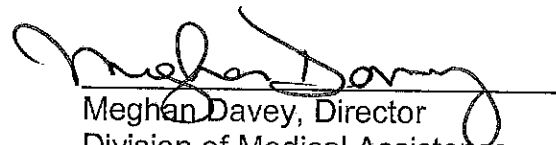
disturb that decision. As set forth in the Initial Decision, at the time of the denial, Petitioner did not meet the Drug Utilization Review Board's guidelines because his Metavir fibrosis score of level F1-F2 did not reach the requisite levels (F3-F4) for authorization and he did not have any of the qualifying conditions to receive Harvoni treatment.

However, as of July 1, 2016, the Drug Utilization Review Board's guidelines have been revised. One of the revisions expanded coverage to permit individuals with a Metavir fibrosis score of level 2 to qualify for Hepatitis C treatment. As a result, Petitioner's prescribing physician may submit a new prior authorization request to Horizon NJ Health.

THEREFORE, it is on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision affirming the denial of payment for Harvoni is hereby ADOPTED.

  
Meghan Davey, Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services