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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES

C.V.G.,

PETITIONER,

v.

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES AND
SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF
SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 03946-16

As Director 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 approving the Settlement Agreement reached by the parties.

Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision is May 31, 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 receipt. The Initial Decision was received on April 15, 2016.

This matter arises from the delay in issuing a decision on Petitioner's Medicaid application. However, at the scheduled OAL hearing, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement whereby the Somerset County Board of Social Services agreed to process the application on an expedited basis and Petitioner agreed to withdraw her hearing request and reapply for benefits. Should her application be denied, Petitioner may request a fair hearing at that point.

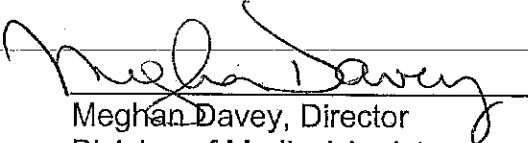
The ALJ approved the Settlement Agreement because it was consistent with the law, fully disposed of all issues in controversy and was voluntarily entered into by both parties, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

Based upon my review of the record, I agree with the ALJ's conclusions and ADOPT the Settlement Agreement as based upon substantial credible evidence and consistent with applicable law.

THEREFORE, it is on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision approving the Settlement Agreement in this matter is hereby ADOPTED.

  
Meghan Davey, Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services