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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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J.A.,

PETITIONER.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 19923-15

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SOMERSET COUNT BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENT.

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 Decision is May 20, 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 5, 2016.

This matter arises from the Somerset County Board of Social Services' (SCBSS) denial of Petitioner's application for Medicaid benefits. However, at the scheduled March 15, 2016 OAL hearing, the parties entered a settlement on the record whereby Petitioner agreed to withdraw his request for a hearing and reapply for Medicaid benefits. By initial decision dated March 29, 2016, 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. 1:11-19.1.

Based on my review of the record, I concur with the ALJ's findings and hereby ADOPT the Settlement Agreement.

THEREFORE, it is on this // day of MAY 2016,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision affirming the terms of the Settlement in this matter is hereby ADOPTED.

MeghamDavey, Director

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and Health Services