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

J.K.,

PETITIONER,

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

v.

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 5951-16

DMAHS AND OCEAN COUNTY
BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

RESPONDENTS.

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 August 8, 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 June 22, 2016.

This matter arises from the Ocean County Board of Social Services' (OCBSS) termination of Medicaid eligibility, effective May 1, 2016, as a result of Petitioner's failure to complete her renewal application. However, at the scheduled June 20, 2016 OAL hearing, the Petitioner presented evidence that she had timely submitted her renewal application to the OCBSS. As a result, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement whereby Petitioner's Medicaid benefits were reinstated effective May 1, 2016.

By Initial Decision dated June 22, 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. 1:1-19.1.

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 19th day of JULY 2016,

ORDERED:

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


Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services