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

M.Q.,

PETITIONER,

v.

SOMERSET COUNT BOARD OF
SOCIAL SERVICES,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 01897-16

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 Decision is July
11, 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 May 26, 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 May 17, 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 May 19, 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 *17th* day of JULY 2016,

ORDERED:

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

Caitlin Gendron on behalf of Meghan Davey
Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services