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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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PETITIONER,

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

v.

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

HORIZON NJ HEALTH,

OAL DKT. NOs. HMA 12431-16

RESPONDENT

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 contents of the OAL case file. No exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is December 19, 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 November 3, 2016.

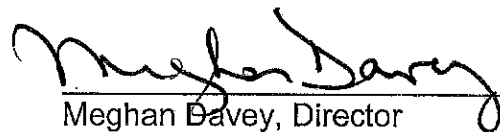
This appeal stems from Horizon NJ Health's denial of Petitioner's request for adult day health care services. In a thorough and well-reasoned decision, the ALJ reversed the denial and found that Horizon should perform a reassessment. The ALJ based his decision on the fact that the nurse conducting the assessment failed to corroborate the information reported to her by Petitioner and acknowledged at the hearing that she was not fully aware of Petitioner's medical condition and needs.

As a result, I agree with the ALJ that the matter should be returned to Horizon for another assessment to determine if Petitioner satisfies the criteria necessary to qualify for adult day health services. The new assessment should include consideration of information provided by family, healthcare professionals or others who have direct knowledge of Petitioner's cognitive deficits, medical needs and activities of daily living (ADL) needs.

THEREFORE, it is on this <sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup> day of December 2016,

ORDERED:

That this matter is returned to Horizon NJ Health to perform a reassessment.



Meghan Davey, Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services