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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
AND HEALTH SERVICES

R.C.,

PETITIONER,

v.

UNITED HEALTHCARE,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

OAL DKT. NO. HMA 14252-16

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 December 27, 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 November 9, 2016.

This appeal stems from United Healthcare's reduction of Petitioner's personal care assistant (PCA) service hours from 30 to 24 hours per week.

However, due to new information regarding a need for feeding assistance, the parties agreed to amicably resolve this controversy, by Settlement Agreement filed with the Office of Administrative Law, whereby United Healthcare agreed to provide 26 hours of PCA services per week.


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.

I agree with the ALJ's conclusions regarding the Settlement Agreement and ADOPT the Initial Decision as based upon substantial credible evidence and consistent with applicable law.

THEREFORE, it is on this <sup>20<sup>th</sup></sup> day of December 2016,

ORDERED:

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

  
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Meghan Davey, Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
and Health Services